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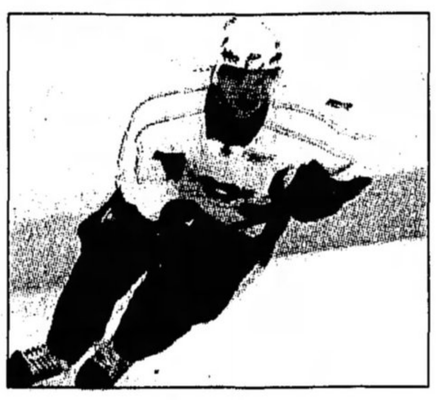

Pens open camp
Tyler Kennedy opened camp skating on a line with Evgeni Malkin. **1B**

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There was plenty to do over the weekend at the Monessen Cultural Heritage Festival. **11A**

Body discovered in Mon

Dennis D. DeRenzo, of Van Voorhis, went missing four years ago.

By STEPHANIE HACKE
For The Valley Independent

CALIFORNIA, Pa. – The skeletal remains in a pickup submerged in the Monongahela River have been identified Sunday as the body of a man who disappeared four years ago from Baldwin Borough.

Washington County Coroner Tim Warco said dental records positively identified the remains as those of Dennis D. DeRenzo, of Overlook Drive in Van Voorhis.

Warco said an autopsy was performed yesterday but the cause and manner of death are unknown, pending further investigation.

DeRenzo, last seen driving a 2001 Chevrolet Silverado he had borrowed from his mother, Nancy, in Baldwin, was reported missing on Sept. 13, 2005.

Police found the Silverado in the river Saturday, one day before the four-year anniversary of when he was last seen.

"We knew that was the vehicle that we had been looking for," Baldwin Police Chief Michael Scott said yesterday.

DeRenzo, 28, intended to visit friends when he borrowed his mother's truck because his car needed repairs. When DeRenzo didn't return home, his wife filed a missing person report with Fallowfield Township police, Scott said.

A September 2005 article in the South Hills Record weekly newspaper said DeRenzo told his mother he'd see her at work the next morning. He worked at the Curry Corner Restaurant in Baldwin, which she owned. His mother was quoted as saying her son didn't appear out of sorts when he left.

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Swaying Rendell a budget goal

Lawmakers who met Sunday with the governor will try to justify their numbers.

By MARK SCOLFORO
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG – Legislative leaders who have forged a tentative state budget deal said Sunday after a meeting with Gov. Ed Rendell that they hoped to accommodate his concerns but would press on with plans to have the General Assembly consider it in the coming days.

The closed-door, two-hour meeting ended with lawmakers saying they would try to address Rendell's doubts about the accuracy of their revenue estimates and look for ways to change some of the spending to bring the Democratic governor on board.

"We all agreed we have to work on these numbers so everyone's happy with them," said House Speaker Keith McCall, D-Carbon.

McCall said the six-member, bipartisan conference committee was expected to take up the budget this morning.

It could take as long as a week to pass the various bills that make up the budget package, as well as legislation to legalize betting on table games such as poker at slots casino, a critical part of the new revenue the budget deal requires.

Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, R-Delaware, said after the meeting that Rendell is not "overjoyed with our agreement" but that Rendell might still be persuaded to support it.

"When we look at what particular accounts he's interested in restoring or reallocating, it's possible that we can win the governor's approval," Pileggi said.

Rendell has threatened to veto the plan, a warning made more potent by the fact that the House Republicans are also opposed.

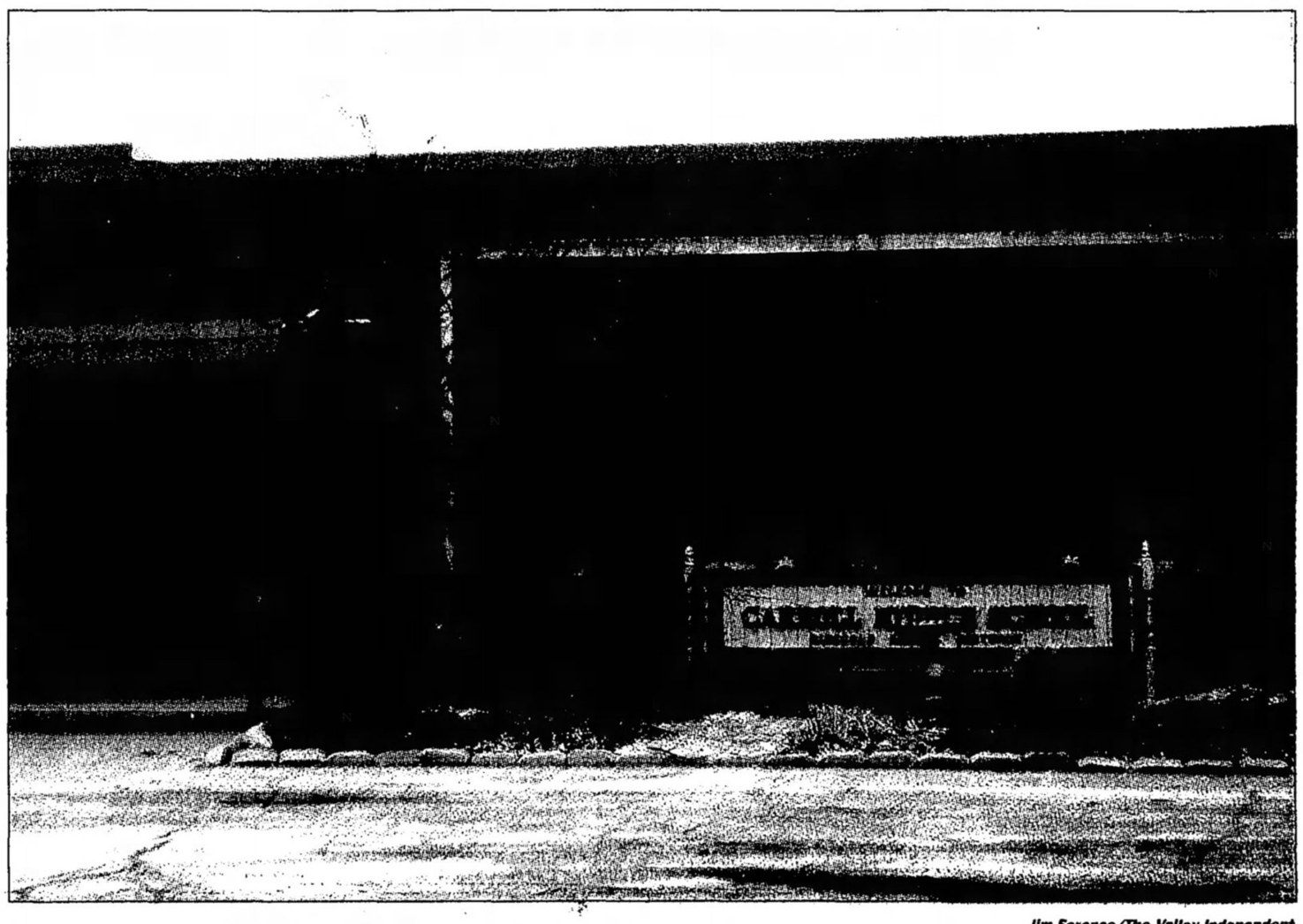
Rendell spokesman Gary Tuma declined comment late Sunday.

McCall said the basic elements of the nearly $28 billion spending plan were not altered as a result of the meeting in Rendell's official residence along the Susquehanna River in Harrisburg.

"Nothing's really changed," McCall said. "We're trying to keep this online and on time."

On Friday, the House Democrats and both parties in the Senate announced a plan that requires higher business and cigarette taxes, as well as table games in casinos, as a breakthrough agreement to end a budget stalemate. Without a budget more than two months into the fiscal year, Pennsylvania the last state in the nation still fighting over its 2009-10 spending plan.

The tentative budget agreement would draw $2.1 billion from one-time sources such as the state's "rainy day" contingency fund and an account that helps doctors pay malpractice premiums, increase public schools' basic-education subsidy by $300 million and initiate a tax amnesty program.



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Once restructuring is complete, Donora Elementary Center will close and its students will move to the former Carroll Middle School.

Borough council will oppose Donora Elementary closure

The students will attend classes at the former Carroll Middle School.

By JEFF OLIVER
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DONORA – In response to requests from residents, borough council plans to voice displeasure with a Ringgold School Board decision to close Donora Elementary Center.

At a meeting last week, several residents complained about the plan to close Donora and Monongahela elementary centers and merge them into one of two Ringgold elementary centers.

The district plans to put the students in the former Carroll Middle School and rename it Ringgold Elementary South.

Gastonville Elementary Center will become Ringgold Elementary North.

The district announced plans in June when it decided to close Carroll as a middle school.

The former Carroll facility will be renovated and is expected to be ready for students sometime next school year.

Councilman Don Pavelko said he is not pleased the Donora school will close and agreed with residents that the borough should voice its displeasure.

"Who is going to want to come to Donora if Donora doesn't have a school for its children?" Pavelko asked.

Councilwoman Carol Rands said the borough can complain, but it won't do any good."

"The school board has made its decision, and it's done," she said.

Rands said she attended a meeting in which residents from Donora, Carroll Township and Finleyville spoke out against sending Carroll students to Finley to form Ringgold Middle School.

"But it didn't matter," she said. "Their minds were already made up."

When classes began for the 2009-10 school year, Carroll's more than 200 students were bused to Finleyville.

Code Enforcement Officer Casey Perrotta said the problem is that Donora has two members on the school board who don't speak to the best interests of the borough.

Board President Dr. Karen Polkabla stepped in and told Perrotta the time was not right for that discussion.

> "Who is going to want to come to Donora if Donora doesn't have a school for its children?"
> COUNCILMAN DON PAVELKO

Councilman Jason Menendez said sending a letter of displeasure to the school board is a good idea, but added the move would have more bite if the community backed council's efforts.

Residents were urged to attend Wednesday's Ringgold School Board and express their concerns.

Several council members said they, too, planned to attend and oppose the decision.

Workshop set for recent war vets

They will discuss with each other their experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan.

By RICHARD ROBBINS
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Tony Canzonieri hopes to help his friends and comrades get their lives back on track.

An Army veteran and a western Pennsylvania director of Vets4Vets, an Arizona-based nonprofit, Canzonieri is helping to organize a workshop in November for veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan who feel overwhelmed or adrift since their return to civilian life.

The three-day workshop is scheduled Nov. 6-8 at the Jumonville Training Center, near Uniontown.

The idea of Vets4Vets, Canzonieri said, is for veterans to share their personal experiences with one another. Peer support does not require professionals such as psychologists or psychiatrists, he said.

"By taking equal and uninterrupted turns, we benefit by both listening and speaking," said Canzonieri, 23, of West Newton, who served with the Army's 1st Cavalry Division in the Iraqi city of Mosul.

Founded in 2005 by Jim Driscoll, an ex-Marine and veteran of the Vietnam War, Vets4Vets has staged 46 weekend workshops serving more than 2,000 veterans in 47 states, according to the organization.

Canzonieri attended a workshop in San Diego and came away enthusiastic.

"The biggest revelation to me was that I wasn't the only person having these (readjustment) problems," he said.

Canzonieri said he "immediately" realized how beneficial it was to talk to others who experienced some of the same things he had. He said that for the first time, he felt he was able to relieve himself of dark, troubling things that he had seen and experienced in Mosul.

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Kanye West spoiled Taylor Swift's big moment at the VMAs. **7A**

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Kim Clijsters is the first unseeded player to win the Open. **2B**

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■ Frances M. Rullo, 83, Ashtabula, Ohio, formerly of New Eagle and Monongahela

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Yesteryear

Late Detective Sgt. Edward S. Kerr receives a commendation from the state police commandant in ceremonies at Troop C headquarters in the early 1980s. Kerr, formerly, of Monessen, served 29 years on the force. His brother Jack Kerr, of Rostraver Township, submitted the picture.

If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Weather

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High 79 Low 56	High 71 Low 55	High 73 Low 58	High 74 Low 55	High 71 Low 51

Illiterate Afghans problem for army

The situation leads to both logistical and command problems.

By The Associated Press

KABUL – Afghan army recruit Shahidullah Ahmadi can't read – and neither can nine out of 10 soldiers in the Afghan National Army.

The lack of education points to a basic challenge for the United States, as it tries to expand the Afghan army in the hopes that U.S. and allied forces can one day withdraw.

Just as in Iraq – and perhaps even more so – the U.S. is finding it no small task to recruit, train and equip a force that is large and competent enough to operate successfully on its own.

"I face difficulties. If someone calls me and tells me to go somewhere, I can't read the street signs," Ahmadi, 27, a member of a logistics battalion, said while walking through downtown Kabul.

"In our basic training, we learned a lot. Some of my colleagues who can read and write can take notes, but I've forgotten a lot of things, the types of things that might be able to save my life."

The Associated Press interviewed recruits and visited a training center to gain a better understanding of the obstacles toward eventually handing over responsibility of security to the Afghan army so that international troops can go home.

The speed with which NATO trains and equips more Afghan security forces has become an issue in the United States, Europe and Canada as governments decide whether to commit more deeply to a war that is losing public support.

Carl Levin, the leading Senate Democrat on military issues, said Friday that he wants heightened training of Afghan armed forces before sending more American combat troops.

Levin urged the Obama administration to expand Afghan forces to 240,000 troops and Afghan police to 160,000 officers by 2013.

Current plans call for boosting the army from 92,000 soldiers to 134,000 by late 2011. U.S. officials say the combined army and police forces need to increase to about 400,000 by 2014.

"It's absolutely essential that over time Afghanistan assumes responsibility for its own security, and combat troops draw dawn," said Richard Holbrooke, the U.S. special envoy for the region.

"The current force levels of police and army are clearly going to have to be increased."

Violence in Afghanistan has already soared to record levels, requiring more troops to secure wide stretches of countryside. U.S. and NATO troops can clear areas of Taliban fighters, but they need Afghan soldiers to make sure the militants don't return.

The rapid expansion of the army, however, has already raised questions about whether Afghanistan, one of the world's poorest countries, can sustain a force of that size, as well as maintain discipline and ethnic balance in the ranks.

It is likely the cost of training, equipping and sustaining Afghan forces at a level big enough to maintain security will primarily fall on U.S. taxpayers for years to come.

In Iraq, the U.S. disbanded Saddam Hussein's army in 2003, but six years later has still not managed to create a force capable of operating without American logistical, technical, intelligence and other support.

And in Iraq, the U.S. was able to tap resources unavailable in Afghanistan, including a pool of retired military officers and one of the Arab world's most literate populations.

Polls show that the army is the most trusted Afghan institution, a testament to the relative success it has had, especially compared with the police, who are widely derided as corrupt.

But about 90 percent of those deciding to join the army are illiterate, according to U.S. military officers involved in the training.

Body (FROM PAGE ONE)

Baldwin police registered the vehicle as stolen on Sept. 17, 2005, because the person last seen driving the truck was reported missing, Scott said.

Police in Washington County said the river search began after a car belonging to a California University of Pennsylvania student taking water samples veered into the river Saturday morning. A dive team found not only the car, but the truck containing the body.

District Attorney Steve Toprani said his office has some theories on how the victim's body was found in the river in California. His office is working with Baldwin and state police along with Allegheny County detectives.

"We're treating this with the same level of scrutiny and investigation we would with a crime like that," Toprani said of a suspicious. "Until we have a manner of death, we will treat it like that."

Officials said they initially could not tell the race or sex of the person inside because of the condition of the remains.

Scott said that during the past four years, Baldwin police have interviewed numerous people in their investigation of DeRenzo's disappearance.

They interviewed family and friends and had planned to ask for publicity regarding DeRenzo's disappearance in the next couple of weeks in hopes of collecting new information on the case, Scott said.

"We're looking at it that there may be a break in a case that we've been working on for four years," he said.

Members of DeRenzo's family could not be reached for comment.

State police will handle the case, with assistance from Baldwin police.

Although a grand jury was convened in Washington County earlier this year and is still hearing evidence in various cases, DeRenzo's disappearance "was not on our radar at all," Toprani said.

Staff Writer Christopher Buckley contributed to this report

Workshop (FROM PAGE ONE)

"It was a big weight off me. I came back and talked to my wife about it for the first time," he said.

A noncombat accident forced Canzonieri to the sidelines in 2007. His early departure from the war triggered pangs of guilt, he said.

Feeling he had abandoned his friends in his unit, he became quick to anger. He turned to alcohol to try to blot out the past, including the searing memory of taking another man's life in combat.

It didn't help that the Army offered only cursory assistance and that the transition to life back in the United States was so sudden, Canzonieri said.

"The biggest problem was the very quick readjustment into civilian life," he said.

As a Vets4Vets director, Canzonieri has responsibility for Westmoreland, Washington and Fayette counties.

Gabriel Crawford, another Iraq War veteran, directs the program in Allegheny County. A divinity student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Crawford guarded enemy prisoners as a military policeman in Baghdad in 2007-08.

Crawford and Canzonieri are collaborating on the Jumonville workshop.

In the meantime, Crawford is organizing smaller group meetings for Iraqi and Afghanistan veterans attending the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University.

Canzonieri, a student, has organized a Vets4Vets group at California University of Pennsylvania. It will begin meeting in the near future, he said.

Canzonieri and Crawford can be contacted by e-mail at Anthony@Vets4Vets.us and Gabe@Vets4Vets.us.

All Vets4Vets workshops are free of charge, including the cost of transportation, lodging and meals, the men said.

According to the organization, it has financial backing from the California Community Foundation's Iraq-Afghanistan Deployment Impact Fund and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

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Court set to review gas drilling lease deals

Case could force the renegotiation of land leases across the state.

By MARC LEVY
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania landowners who want to snatch a better deal from natural gas companies hoping to drill into their ground and the potentially lucrative Marcellus Shale formation beneath it will get the ear of the state's highest court.

Wednesday's oral arguments in front of the state Supreme Court are certain to be watched closely for its impact on one of Pennsylvania's biggest economic opportunities and environmental challenges in decades.

For exploration companies with offices from Calgary to Canonsburg, the decision could either bring a huge sigh of relief or the havoc of renegotiating land leases across the state, possibly throwing the entire gas industry into chaos.

The fact that the court moved quickly to hear the case — and resolve a burgeoning number of complaints in state and federal courts — demonstrates the seriousness of the matter.

"By its actions, I think the court recognizes that this really is an extraordinary issue for Pennsylvania and it's critically important that it is resolved," said David Fine, a Harrisburg-based lawyer representing ElexCo Land Services Inc. and Southwestern Energy Production Co.

To some extent, justices will hear plaintiffs' attorneys tell a story of big corporations taking advantage of unsuspecting landowners, paying them a fraction of the upfront per-acre leasing fee that they later paid to other landowners as competition in the land rush intensified.

"They didn't know Marcellus Shale from a hole in the wall and they feel the gas companies came in and got them to sell away the rights to their property," said attorney Laurence M. Kelly, who is representing Susquehanna County landowner Herbert Kilmer and his family.

The real legal question will be whether some tens of thousands of leases were never valid because they violate a state law that guarantees landowners a minimum one-eighth royalty from the production of oil and gas on their land.

The lawsuits are just the latest sign that Pennsylvania's laws governing mineral rights and environmental protection are lagging behind the large, modern-day industry presence that has descended here.

Dozens of exploration companies and contractors have flocked here since early 2008 from as far away as Houston, Denver, and Calgary, Alberta, in a rush to lock up land rights over the thickest portions of the shale including the Mid-Mon Valley.

Shawn Hurley/For The Valley Independent

Jean Livingstone, of Fayette City, left, reminisces with, from left, Timothy James Livingstone, Tim Livingstone and Daphne Livingstone over the destruction of the Grace Baptist Church in Redstone by a fire early Friday morning.

Congregants mourn church's destruction

A Friday morning fire gutted Grace Baptist Church in Redstone, Fayette County.

By A.J. PANIAN
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All that remains of the black, baby grand piano that Jean Livingstone played for the congregation at Grace Baptist Church in Redstone, Fayette County, is a small pile of charred piano strings.

Livingstone, the church's pianist since 1999, joined about 25 other congregants of "the little white church" Sunday for a morning service at the Grindstone volunteer fire department's social hall on Central Street in Grindstone after a fire destroyed the church and its contents last week.

"We ask the Lord's strength as we mourn this loss, all the things and memories that were in that building, and what we have to do without for the weeks and months ahead," said the church's pastor, Lonnie Lewis. "And we thank God for the Grindstone fire department for allowing us to congregate here."

Lewis's sermon focused on the true meaning of "church."

"That building was not the church — we are," Lewis said. "Too many churches today build beautiful buildings and end up worshiping the building and not God. It's never anything other than a tool that we have to use."

Lewis noted that he and his congregation had reason to mourn as several worshipers shared what the building meant to them.

"I started going there when I was 19. I was married there. My four kids were baptized there. It's hard not to get emotional about it," said Chuck Glover, 46, of Star Junction.

Livingstone's daughter-in-law, Daphne Livingstone of Perryopolis, displayed pictures of the charred ruins so congregants could see the extent of the damage.

"We were hoping we could preserve the cross that hung behind the pulpit, but because it was made of oak, it was probably the first thing to burn," Daphne Livingstone said. "There's a bigger power that's going to prevail from this tragedy."

The church will meet again on Sunday at the social hall, Lewis said.

"I'm overwhelmed by the amount of people who have contacted me offering help," Lewis said.

Livingstone will have an electronic keyboard to play for future services.

"I started playing when I was 13. It gives me release," said Livingstone, 80.

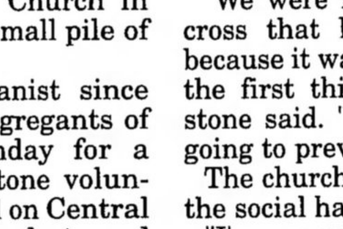
The cause of the blaze, which started about 3 a.m. Friday, was ruled undetermined Saturday by Uniontown state police fire marshal Cpl. Thomas Maher.

"Due to the extent of the fire damage, I was unable to make a determination as to the cause of the fire," Maher said.

Damage estimates at the Rowe's Run Road church are about $200,000, Maher said. Police are investigating the incident but were unavailable for comment yesterday.

Readers react to previous Ralph Stone columns

Ralph E. **STONE**



Here are more "bits & pieces" of past stories.

First we'll re-explore our Mid-Mon Valley summers, shrouded in a covering of berries, tomatoes, corn and zucchini.

Our schools have re-opened; our swimming pools have closed shop; we've seen the kickoff of our football season and the autumn solstice will arrive soon.

To put it all in perspective, the Mid-Mon Valley summer of 2009 is history.

Nevertheless, from what readers say, they enjoy their summers, with all its trappings, as much as I do.

In addition to the joys of baseball, swimming, fishing and vacationing as a part of the summer fun, readers also expressed overwhelming pleasures in the fresh fruits and vegetables that our summers provide.

I was astonished over the great number of readers who enjoyed the adventures involved in blackberry picking. It seems there were many more blackberry pickers than we First Street Ramblers!.

I was also surprised to learn that a sizeable number of them were little girls who went into the patches with their fathers and brothers.

One of those little girls was Katherine Kacik, who grew up in the vicinity of Allen's Crossroad and picked her berries in that area.

Mrs. Kacik, now 92 years young and the mother of Paul Kacik, an outstanding all-around athlete from Monessen's graduating class of 1952, no longer picks her own berries but she continues a very active life, maintaining her home,

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Valley review

A look at the week that was in the Valley

Here's a look at the top news happenings of the past week in the Mid-Mon Valley:

Monongahela mayor promises city will rebound - "We will rebound. We will rebuild."

Those words by Mayor Bob Kepics stood for the resolve the city has in light of two recent traumatic events in the community.

On Sept. 6, a costly fire struck a century-old downtown building and two adjoining businesses. Two days earlier, the city's police department received a black eye after one of its own was charged with hindering drug investigations in the community.

Speaking at Wednesday's meeting of city council, Kepics said that he has been enduring one of the toughest weeks he has experienced in a long time.

"This has been a tough, tough week for me and for the city," Kepics said. "But we will be OK."

At the meeting, the city passed a declaration of a disaster emergency as a result of the early morning fire on the 200 block of West Main Street that hit Vocelli's Pizza at 222 West Main and damaged two neighboring buildings.

The fire at the pizza shop was so devastating that the building is being razed and the state police fire marshal has said that the cause of the blaze may never be known because the building was too dangerous to enter after the fire.

Council officially terminated George Langan as a police officer and city employee at the meeting.

Langan, an 18-year member of the force, was arrested by Washington County District Attorney Steve Toprani and the Washington County Drug Task Force on Sept. 4.

Gunman in Springer case to stand trial alone - The alleged gunman in the shooting deaths of former Carroll Township police Chief Howard Springer and his wife, Nancy, will stand trial alone after the last of his accused accomplices agreed to testify in the case.

Justin Welch, 911 Crest Ave., Apt. 3, Charleroi, entered an open plea Thursday before Washington County Judge Debbie O'Dell Seneca to two counts of criminal conspiracy to homicide.

One count each of robbery, theft by unlawful taking and receiving stolen property along with two DUI charges unrelated to the homicide were withdrawn.

An open plea means there is no specific offer from prosecution.

As a result, the judge will be free to determine sentencing after observing Welch's cooperation with the prosecution

Last month, Welch had rejected a deal with the prosecution that would have included a 15-to-30 year sentence in exchange for his testimony against Gerald Szakal, of Fifth Street, Webster.

Szakal was charged with two counts of criminal homicide, and one count each of robbery, receiving stolen property and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Police believe Szakal shot and killed the Springers March 4, 2008 inside their 1241 Highland Road, Carroll Township home.

According to court records, Szakal stole jewelry and rare coins from his mother's Rostraver Township home, selling them to the Springers before returning to the Carroll Township couple's home to rob and kill them, police allege.

According to the court documents, Szakal admitted to killing the Springers, stealing $6,500 and goving some of the money to Welch and two other accessories.

All three of Szakal's alleged conspirators are expected to testify against the suspected shooter.

9-11 service held in Monongahela - Staff at Madonna Catholic Regional School on Friday held a lunchtime 9-11 prayer service, marking the eighth anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

The 80 children from kindergarten through third grade who gathered in the gazebo at Chess Park to pray had not been born when the terror attacks in New York City, at the Pentagon, and in Shanksville occurred on Sept. 11, 2001.

Pastor George Chortos, a Vietnam War veteran, said it was more important that the children not forget to reflect on what happened that fateful day.

"We're trying to impress upon them that, first of all, war is bad, and terrorism is bad," he said. "We've got to work our part for peace and try to bring this understanding to all people."

The children and teachers sang "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America."

They also prayed and listened to a Bible reading while holding American flags.

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DEATH NOTICES

RULLO — Frances M. Rullo, 83, of Ashtabula, Ohio, formerly of New Eagle and Monongahela, on Saturday, Sept. 12. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

PREVIOUS DEATH
McGEE, Anna M.*
* See death notice

Anna M. McGee
Monessen

Anna M. McGee, 91, of Monessen, died unexpectedly on Friday, September 11, 2009, in Monongahela Valley Hospital Inc. She was born in Monessen on September 10, 1918, the daughter of the late Frank and Julia (Nusser) Strauss. Mrs. McGee was a lifelong resident of Monessen and a 1936 graduate of Monessen High School. She was a member of Epiphany of Our Lord R. C. Church, a former member of the Hungarian Ladies Society, and was very active with the Monessen Senior Center. She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Donald Barnhart of Port St. Lucie, Fla., Kathy and John Spangler of Hanover; a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth R. and Joan McGee of Monessen; her two grandsons, John K. and Joseph McGee of Monessen; a sister-in-law, Wanda McGee of Monessen; and by several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth A. McGee in 1978; a brother Anthony Strauss; and by two sisters, Elizabeth Rotondo and Julia Shoemaker. Friends will be received on Monday Sept. 14, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES, 441 Reed Ave., Monessen, (724-684-8750). Services will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009, at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. David J. Nazimek officiating. Interment will follow in Grandview Cemetery, Monessen. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Monessen Public Library and District Center, or Mon Valley EMS. Condolences accepted for the family at www.dalfonso-billick.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Frances M. Rullo
Ashtabula, Ohio
Formerly of New Eagle and Monongahela

Frances M. Rullo, 83, of Ashtabula, Ohio, formerly of New Eagle and Monongahela, died Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009, in the Ashtabula Medical Center. Frances was born Jan. 4, 1926, in Monongahela, a daughter of Alfred and Pearl Munger Leach. Frances moved to Ashtabula, Ohio in 2003. While she resided in New Eagle and Monongahela, she was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ and enjoyed spending her time embroidering and doing crossword puzzles. She is survived by two daughters, Donna Rullo and husband Dave Shepard of Ashtabula, Ohio, Toni Grundy of Las Vegas, Nev.; three granddaughters, Roberta Smoot, Ronna Cox, and Ricki Grundy; and five great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Antonio T. Rullo, who died Nov. 22, 2002. Friends will be received on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon, at the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 W. Main Street, Monongahela, where services will be held at noon with the Elder Richard Scaglione officiating. Interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery. To leave an online condolence, visit www.fryefuneralhome.com.

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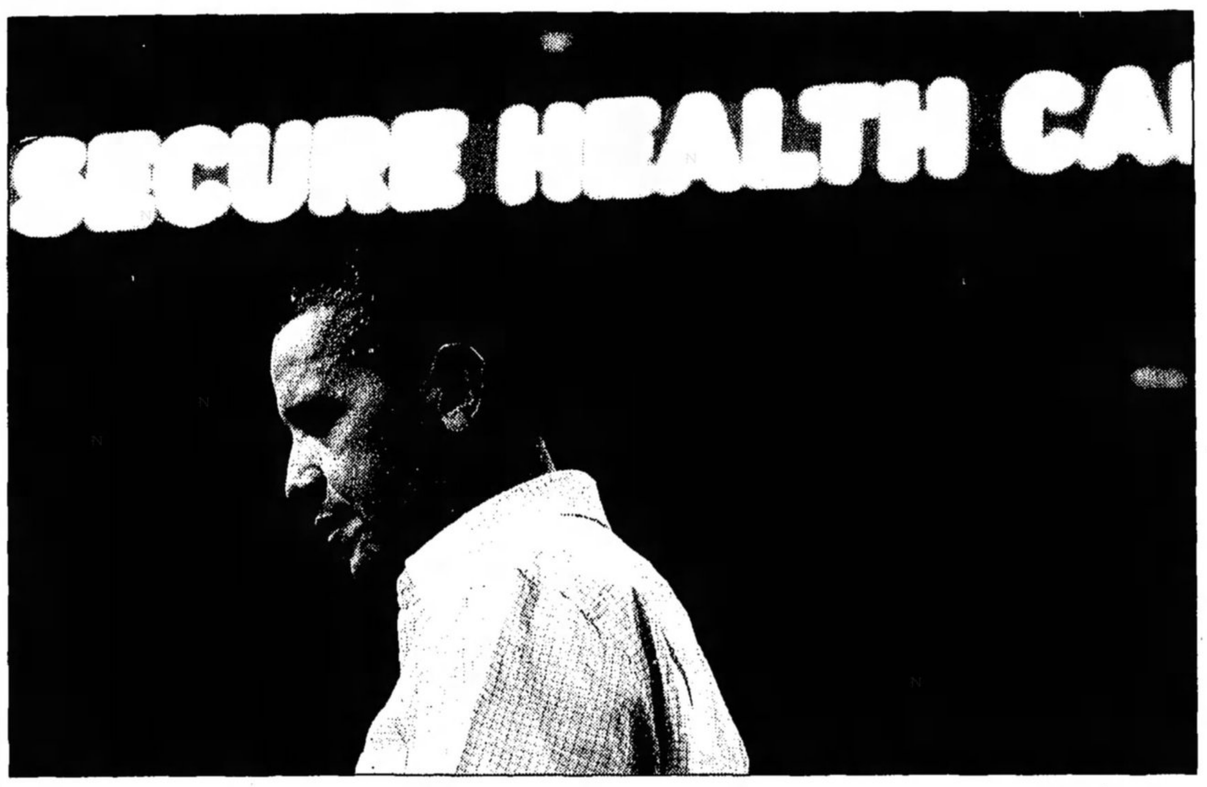


Associated Press

President Barack Obama pauses during a weekend health insurance reform rally in Minneapolis. The president is expected to spend most of this week on overhauling the nation's health care system.

Obama expects passage of 'good health care bill'

President makes prediction even though some Republican opponents are trying to kill the measure for political gain.

By STEVEN R. HURST
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama began a week that will dwell heavily on overhauling the health care system, declaring himself confident Congress will pass "a good health care bill" even though some Republican opponents were trying to kill the measure for political gain.

At the same time, the president and some members of both parties were shifting from hard positions about a government insurance option toward some agreement on reducing medical care costs and restricting insurance company practices.

Consensus appeared to be growing on the need to prevent the insurance industry from denying coverage to those with existing medical conditions or canceling policies when a person becomes seriously ill.

"I believe that we will have enough votes to pass not just any health care bill, but a good health care bill that helps the American people, reduces costs, actually over the long-term controls our deficit. I'm confident that we've got that," Obama said in an interview broadcast Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes."

Still, he said: "There are those in the Republican party who think the best thing to do is just to kill reform. That that will be good politics."

A Washington Post-ABC News poll published Monday found the public in a virtual deadlock on the Democrats' health plan, with 46 percent favoring the proposed changes and 48 percent against them. Americans are also closed divided on whether they should be required to have health coverage, with 51 percent in favor and 47 percent opposed.

The survey was conducted Thursday through Saturday, after the president's address to Congress, and had a sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Obama has retaken the offensive on his key domestic policy issue, most notably with his speech last Wednesday night to both houses of Congress. And he sought to turn down the heat over a government-run health insurance plan.

Obama's spokesman, Robert Gibbs, drove home that point again Sunday.

The president "prefers the public option," Gibbs said. "However, he said what's most important is choice and competition."

Sen. Olympia Snowe, the Maine Republican who could be the party's only senator who votes with Democrats, believes choice and competition can be ensured without the public option.

"It's not on the table. And it won't be," she said Sunday. "We'll be using the co-op as an option at this point, as the means for injecting competition in the process."

Snowe sits on a six-member panel — three from each party — of the Senate Finance Committee that is writing a version of the health care overhaul bill.

Instead of the government running a program that provides low-cost health insurance, Snowe and fellow negotiators are considering a not-for-profit cooperative system.

Those backing the measure contend it would substantially lower health insurance premiums by cutting out private-industry profits and guarantee coverage to all who want it.

Such systems exist in some areas of the country but their success has been spotty.

Obama will have to be convinced that such a plan can succeed.

Wilson won't apologize second time

It's one-and-done for Republican presidential heckler from South Carolina.

By PHILIP ELLIOTT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — One apology is enough, a digging-in-his-heels Rep. Joe Wilson said Sunday, challenging Democratic leaders who want him to say on the House floor that he's sorry for yelling "You lie!" during President Barack Obama's health care speech to Congress.

The leadership plans to propose a resolution of disapproval this week if the South Carolina Republican doesn't publicly apologize to Congress. Such a measure would put lawmakers on the record as condemning those two words, uttered during last Wednesday's prime-time speech, that have become a fundraising boon for the defiant Wilson and his Democratic challenger.

Wilson said a resolution would show that Democrats simply wanted to play politics and divert attention from a health care overhaul that is lagging in Congress.

"I am not going to apologize again. I apologized to the president on Wednesday night. I was advised then that, 'Thank you, now let's get on to a civil discussion of the issues,'" Wilson said. "I've apologized one time. The apology was accepted by the president, by the vice president, who I know. I am not apologizing again."

In an interview taped Friday and broadcast Sunday evening, Obama said he accepted and appreciated Wilson's apology, which was delivered through White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel. Obama said he preferred to move past the incident and focus on the broad health care overhaul that took him to the Capitol in the first place.

"See, this is part of what happens. I mean, it just— it becomes a big circus instead of us focusing on health care," a laughing Obama told CBS' "60 Minutes."

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said the shouting was inappropriate.

"Well, there's a time and a place for everything, and that was not the time or the place," he said.

Stone (FROM PAGE THREE)

mowing the lawn and growing her own raspberries.

She rewarded me with a special jar of her homemade jam and I can attest to its goodness each time I spread a bit on my morning toast.

Still another picker of old is Joan Tegel a member of Pricedale Union Church. Joan now grows berries in her back yard and she gave me a quart of the biggest, juiciest berries I have seen since the days of my Rambler escapades.

It seems that writing this column has a few hidden perks, like jars of raspberry jam and quarts of delicious blackberries. My thanks to these "young at heart" ladies who help make my day.

Darla Clark, another member of the Pricedale church, continues to pick her own berries in the wild patches that abound on the property shw owns with her husband, Fred. Darla also grows her own raspberries and has on a few occasions invited my wife and me over for a piece of her wonderful homemade pie. The berry patch, sitting upon the Clark Family property, is also one of the spots where I pick my own berries.

As for the story involving our garden-grown tomatoes, corn and zucchini, I couldn't begin to tell you of the many people who enjoy these marvelous southwestern Pennsylvania treats. You will not get an argument with any of them over the supposition that our variety of tomatoes, corn and zucchini is the best in the entire world. Several of them told me that they would sooner do without rather than consume the products from other areas of the country. When the local growing season for these crops ends, for many, the store-bought imports does not take over. These people would rather "wait till next year" for the fine taste of our own garden crops.

The column devoted to fund raiser held July 26 for the Monessen Public Library and District Center had an interest for many because not only did it involve Monessen's outstanding public library but it also brought back fond memories of the old Park Casino as well as the revamped building that now houses the Saint Vincent DePaul organization.

If that was not enough, it also heralded the work of several of our local service groups, including the Monessen Lions, the Monessen-Rostraver Rotary, and the Park's Restoration Committee.

This variety of issues seemed to hit upon one or more interests for many of the readers. Of course. the primary concern was the needed funds for our library. Evidently this was a success because not only did it raise funds that evening but it also aroused greater interest in the 50th birthday celebration and the Schwann's truck sale that were held the following week.

I received notes from Susana Swade, a member of the library board, and Peggy Tseng, the library's director, telling me they felt the story had a strong, positive influence upon the library's future.

According to the news story on the library published Friday, the library is still in need of additional funding. Our hope is that message will get out to all who are able to help the cause in their own special way and that the needs will soon be met to keep the Monessen Library the vibrant force that it has been for several decades. The library is truly a gem we can all be proud of, as are all our Valley's libraries. The very term, public library, in itself, denotes a treasure. One day down the road. this column will be dedicated to all the excellent libraries we have throughout our Valley.

The story on reunions also hit home for many readers, although there were a few who did not share my own enthusiasm. A small minority felt they were for show and that select cliques continue to exist. If thiat's true at some reunions, I say, 'shame!" We can all be proud of what we've accomplished without displaying an arrogant attitude. Most important of all, reunions can help us to better appreciate our Mid-Mon Valley heritage.

In covering a variety of reunions, including family, class reunions and corner clubs, a few readers reminded me that a group of former Monessenites along with a number of "Snow Birds" have met each year at Daytona, Fla.

Sandy Garfola, a resident of the Daytona area, plans these reunions and does an excellent job with the communications and arrangements to make it a festive "Greyhound" affair.

My wife, Marilynne, and I attended the one in 2005 and were not disappointed. We would not fail to attend another if we are in Florida during that time of year.

Not to be outdone, I understand that the Valley's West Coast transplants in California have also held a reunion at least on one occasion.

Last but certainly not least in this review of past columns are the two stories on Allen's Crossroads.

I've had more response from those two stories than anything else I've written. The old crossroads seems to have a special appeal for many of our Valley's "old timers" since so many of us, regardless of what community we called home, traveled out that way at one time or another.

Husher Field, before my time, was of special interest to many readers who remember it well. My friend Ray Popp recalls playing ball, during his own youth, on that same field. Ray also told me that lights were eventually placed at the popular venue.

My recently acquired friend, Mrs. Kacik, tells me that the crossroads was her youthful stomping grounds long before I was even born. In addition to her berry picking adventures, she recalls watching "the boys" play soccer at Husher Field and the early days of the Dog House.

"I can relate to so many things you spoke of at the crossroads," she said.

By the way, Mrs. Kacik's son, Paul, is expected to visit Monessen next month. Paul, a retired engineer is a world traveler and has penned a very interesting autobiographical book relating his varied experiences and travels.

Several readers also told me that they spent many of their idle hours at the pitch and putt golf course that was one of the features at the crossroads. I learned that the name of that course was "The Capri."

Additional stories, too numerous to recount, were told concerning the old 71 Drive In.

The most humorous of those came from the lips of my Rambler friend and teammate, Don "Half Pint" Hayes. Don tells me that when the theater charged an admission for each occupant of a car that he and his friends (male & female) would cram themselves into the trunk of the car as the driver paid for himself as a lone viewer. Once the coast was clear, the designated driver would release his friends from their captivity and they would all enjoy the movie features.

Concerning the Dog House and the several moves that the popular diner underwent, I learned from my friend, Emory Anden, that the eatery's final move was out past the Rehobath Church Road where "Em" and his wife, Carol, now reside.

As a guest at the MHS class of '52 reunion, I was told by Em that the Gillock brothers along with a friend, John Costello, hauled a portion of the Dog House out to the Gillock Farm. The boys were regular customers of Crampo's Bar at Arnold City and also enjoyed driving their bikes throughout and beyond the immediate area.

The crew decided that the vacated Dog House would make an ideal club house and made arrangements to have its remnants shipped to the farm.

A few years later Emory's father bought the farm and inherited the Dog House with his purchase. He used the building as a tool shed. Today it is still a part of Em's property.

He says a few decaying embers of the old crossroad's haunt still stands.

"I have to get rid of the rest," he told me.

In closing, the consensus among the older readers is that the crossroad area should revert to its original name of Allen's Crossroads.

All in favor say, "Aye!"

As sports editor Brian Herman, might say, "I don't hear too many Nays."

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

SEPTEMBER 14

Today is Monday, Sept. 14, the 257th day of 2009. There are 108 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Sept. 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key was inspired to write a poem after witnessing how Fort McHenry in Maryland had endured a night of British bombardment during the War of 1812; that poem, originally called "Defence of Fort McHenry," later became the lyrics to "The Star-Spangled Banner," the American national anthem.

On this date:

■ In 1812, the Russians set fire to Moscow in the face of an invasion by Napoleon Bonaparte's troops.

■ In 1836, former Vice President Aaron Burr died in Staten Island, N.Y., at age 80.

■ In 1847, during the Mexican-American War, U.S. forces under Gen. Winfield Scott took control of Mexico City.

■ In 1901, President William McKinley died in Buffalo, N.Y., of gunshot wounds inflicted by an assassin. Vice President Theodore Roosevelt succeeded him.

■ In 1927, modern dance pioneer Isadora Duncan died in Nice, France, when her scarf became entangled in a wheel of the sports car she was riding in.

■ In 1948, a groundbreaking ceremony took place in New York at the site of the United Nations' world headquarters.

■ In 1964, Pope Paul VI opened the third session of the Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, also known as "Vatican II." (The session closed two months later.)

■ In 1975, Pope Paul VI declared Mother Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton the first U.S.-born saint.

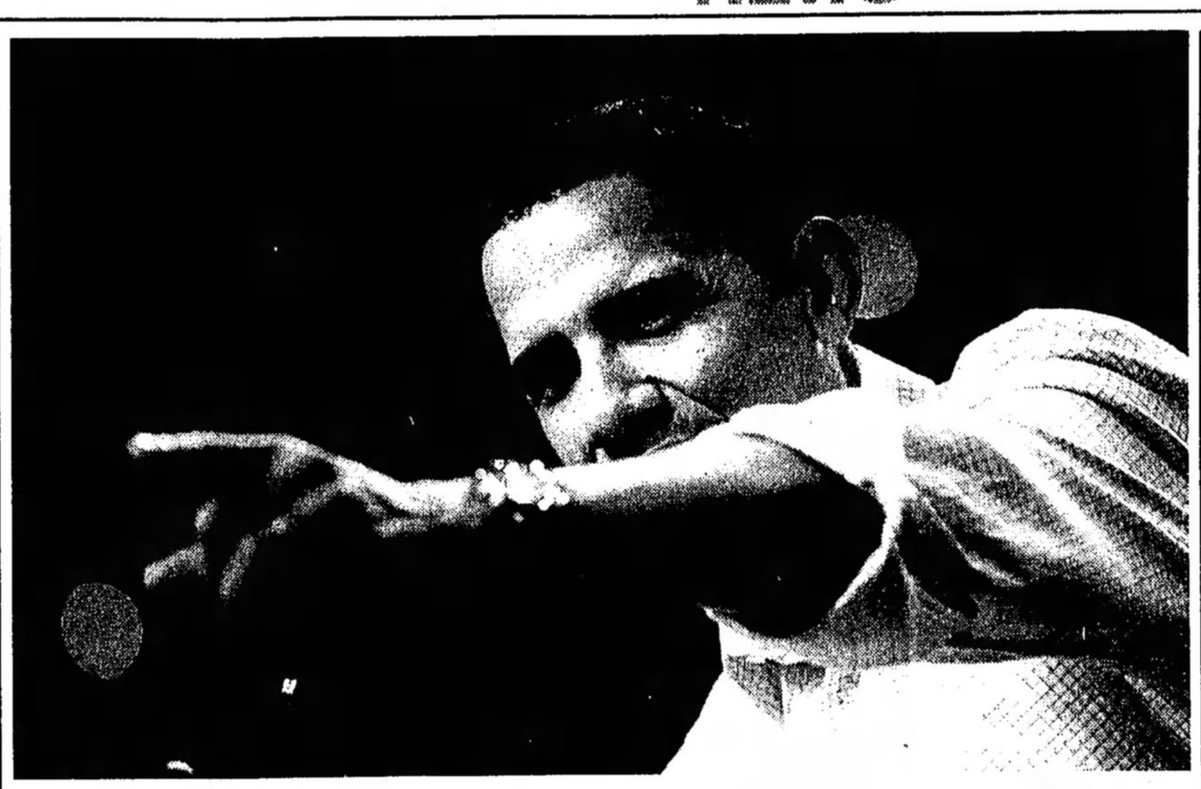
■ In 1982, Princess Grace of Monaco, formerly actress Grace Kelly, died at age 52 of injuries from a car crash the day before; Lebanon's president-elect, Bashir Gemayel, was killed by a bomb.

■ In 1988, Hurricane Gilbert slammed into Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula as a Category 5 storm after forcing thousands of residents to flee.

■ **Ten years ago**: Indonesian soldiers looted the abandoned U.N. mission in East Timor, just hours after 110 U.N. personnel and 1,300 East Timorese were evacuated and flown to safety to end a 10-day siege. Hurricane Floyd clobbered the Bahamas, toppling power lines, ripping roofs off homes and pushing a roiling sea into streets before heading toward the southeastern United States.

■ **Five years ago**: Guerrillas bombed a Baghdad shopping street full of police recruits and fired on a police van north of the capital, killing some 60 people.

■ **One year ago**: Losing its devastating punch as a major hurricane, Ike nevertheless drubbed the Midwest with powerful winds and floodwaters. Carlos Zambrano pitched the first no-hitter for the Chicago Cubs in 36 years, striking out 10 in a 5-0 win over Houston in a game relocated to Milwaukee because of Hurricane Ike.



Associated Press

President Barack Obama, shown addressing a weekend health insurance reform rally in Minneapolis, expects to spend the bulk of his energy on that issue this week, but will head to Wall Street today to outline changes he believes are needed to prevent a future crisis like the one that sent the global economy into a tailspin last year.

Obama to tout Wall Street changes on anniversary of Lehman collapse

President is seeking a sweeping overhaul of how financial institutions behave but has seen slower-than-sought action.

By BEN FELLER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Pushing Congress to act on proposed financial regulations, President Barack Obama is going to the heart of Wall Street today on the first anniversary of Lehman Brothers' collapse to outline changes needed to prevent a future crisis like the one that sent the global economy into a tailspin last year.

Obama has called on Congress to pass a sweeping overhaul of how financial institutions behave but has seen slower-than-sought action. Administration officials said the president will use Lehman Brothers as a starting point to again decry a hands-off approach from Washington that enabled irresponsible lending that sent the nation's largest financial institutions to the brink of collapse and the larger economy to the edge.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said the president would focus on "the need to take the next series of steps in financial regulatory reform" — in other words: Congress, stop stalling and get it done.

The speech comes as the same banks that received tens of billions of taxpayer dollars last year to stay afloat are again betting on the same bonds, commodities and exotic financial products that landed them in trouble.

There is, however, nothing Obama or Washington can do without Congress' action.

Proposals to better monitor the financial system and to police the products banks sell to consumers have been opposed by lobbyists, lawmakers and turf-protecting regulators. Mergers and sales of banks have consolidated lending power in even few hands. And those large firms still bet far more than the capital they have on hand.

Yet regulations have not moved. Much of the legislative motivation in Washington has been consumed by the contentious debate over changes to the health care system. Government intervention into private automakers such as General Motors have left lawmakers skittish to move further into corporate board rooms. And it's not as if another collapse is obviously imminent.

Five of the biggest banks — Goldman, JPMorgan, Wells Fargo, Citigroup and Bank of America — posted second-quarter profits totaling $13 billion. That's more than double what they made in the second quarter of 2008 and nearly two-thirds as much as the $20.7 billion they earned in the second quarter of 2007 — when the economy was considered strong.

The failure of Lehman Brothers — the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history — and the panicky sales of Bear Stearns to JPMorgan and Merrill Lynch to Bank of America transformed Wall Street and gave fewer competitors increased market power.

As of June 30, three banks — JPMorgan, Wells Fargo and Bank of America — held $2.3 trillion in domestic deposits, or $3 out of every $10 in deposit in the United States. Three years ago those three institutions held about 20 percent of the industry total.

Obama has sought tougher capital requirements for banks, arguing that banks' buying of exotic financial products without keeping enough cash on reserve was a key cause of the crisis. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner has urged the Group of 20 nations to agree on new capital levels by the end of 2010 and put them in place two years later.

The administration also has proposed increased transparency of markets in which banks trade the most complex — and potentially risky — financial products. Obama's broad plan also would give the Fed new oversight powers and impose conditions designed to discourage companies from getting too big.

Sen. Chris Dodd, the Democratic chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, is leading the push for those new rules and his aides hope to have legislation together before the year's end. Already they have conducted hearings on the source of the problem and how best to prevent another.

But one major component of the Obama plan — creating an agency to oversee marketing financial products to consumers — faces a tough road to become a law. Industry lobbying against it and other proposed financial rules has been fierce and the president's fellow Democrats have been slow to take up the cause.

Poll: Economy troubles most Americans

Seven out of 10 lack confidence in system.

By JIM KUHNHENN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — One year after Wall Street teetered on the brink of collapse, seven out of 10 Americans lack confidence the federal government has taken safeguards to prevent another financial industry meltdown, according to a new Associated Press-GfK poll.

Even more — 80 percent — rate the condition of the economy as poor and a majority worry about their own ability to make ends meet.

The pessimistic outlook sets the stage for President Barack Obama as he attempts to portray the financial sector as increasingly confident and stable and presses Congress to act on new banking regulations.

The public sentiment also poses a challenge to central elements of Obama's governing agenda.

Half of those surveyed said deficit reduction should be a national priority over increased spending on health care, education or alternative energy.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Bin Laden tape: Obama 'powerless'

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a tape released Sunday by al-Qaida's media wing, terrorist leader Osama bin Laden said President Barack Obama is "powerless" to stop the war in Afghanistan.

SITE Intelligence Group, a terrorist-monitoring firm that translated the address, said bin Laden, whose al-Qaida organization was behind the Sept. 11 attacks, blamed the war on the "pro-Israel lobby" and corporate interests.

IntelCenter, another company that monitors terrorist propaganda, said the 11-minute video shows a still picture of bin Laden while audio of the address plays.

Bin Laden's address to the American people comes two days after the eighth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. He typically addresses the United States in a message around the Sept. 11 anniversary.

The purpose of his address Sunday, bin Laden said in the SITE translation, is "to remind you of the causes" of Sept. 11, chiefly "your support to your Israeli allies who occupy our land of Palestine."

Bin Laden argued against the claims that the war is necessary for U.S. security, saying current White House officials are merely following the strategy of former President George W. Bush and former Vice President Dick Cheney to "promote the previous policies of fear to market the interests of big companies."

Shoe thrower's release delayed

BAGHDAD (AP) — The brother of the Iraqi reporter jailed for throwing his shoes at former President George W. Bush says the man will not be released today as planned due to paperwork processing delays.

Muntadhar al-Zeidi's family had gathered at dawn outside an Iraqi army base in central Baghdad where he was expected to be released from prison.

After waiting more than five hours, his brother Dargham said he received a phone call from al-Zeidi telling him he would not be released until Tuesday because of the delays.

The family said it will stage a sit-in outside the base Tuesday until he is released, and called for other Iraqis to join them.

Al-Zeidi's act of protest last December made the little-known reporter an instant hero across the Arab world.

Brit, NATO soldiers die in Afghan war

KABUL (AP) — A British soldier was killed in an attack on a foot patrol in southern Afghanistan, while a second NATO service member died in a bomb blast, NATO and British officials said today.

The British soldier, who has not been named, was shot Sunday while patrolling in the Babaji district of Afghanistan's southern Helmand province, Britain's defense ministry said.

The soldier's death brings to 214 the number of British military personnel killed in Afghanistan since operations there began in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001.

A second service member from NATO's International Security Assistance Force was killed Sunday in a bomb blast in the south, NATO said today. No other details, including the service member's nationality, were released. Taliban militants this year have increased their use of roadside bombs, which now account for the majority of U.S. and NATO casualties.

Violence has risen across Afghanistan in the last three years as the resurgent Taliban regained control of large swaths of countryside. Fighting has been particularly harsh this summer in the south, where thousands of U.S. troops have deployed.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

One player wins 'Cash 5' jackpot

HARRISBURG (AP) – One player matched all five winning numbers drawn in Sunday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will collect a jackpot worth $360,981.50.

Lottery officials said 70 players matched four numbers and won $326 each; 2,919 players matched three numbers and won $13 each; and 37,572 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent Lottery Results

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	6-8-8
NIGHT PICK 3:	4-0-7
DAY PICK BIG 4:	1-8-0-0
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	6-7-5-8
QUINTO:	8-8-0-1-0
QUINTO:	1-8-2-2-1
TREASURE HUNT:	3-9-18-21-25
CASH 5:	1-13-31-41-42
POWERBALL:	13-28-38-41-56
Powerball:	25 Powerplay: 2

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

DAY/NIGHT PICK 3:	3-6-5 4-0-7
DAY PICK BIG 4:	5-4-3-7
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	2-2-9-3
QUINTO:	0-2-7-4-0
QUINTO:	0-5-3-6-7
TREASURE HUNT:	4-21-22-23-26
CASH 5:	8-15-17-35-43

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	8-2-1
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OUR OPINION

Global warming misconduct

THERE OUGHT TO BE a penalty box for "scientists" so determined to blame man for global warming that they keep on producing "hockey stick" graphs that purportedly show recent, sharp rises in Arctic temperatures. Throw in their media enablers, too.

Serving five-minute majors, at least, should be the authors of such a new study, the online version of Science, where it appeared on Sept. 3, and The Washington Post, whose glowing report on the study gave climate-change skeptics short shrift.

Meanwhile, ClimateDepot.com should be this game's No. 1 star for pointing out what The Post should have but didn't.

The new study contradicts many previous studies. It's based largely on Penn State professor Michael Mann's discredited Arctic temperature graph. And study cheerleader Robert Corell, whom The Post identifies only as Arctic Climate Impact Assessment chairman, works for the left-wing Heinz (as in Teresa) Foundation, is Al Gore's buddy and has a record of dubious climate claims.

"Scientists" who base shaky, agenda-driven conclusions about warming on suspect data do a disservice to science, the public and the planet. And media too lazy or too sympathetic to ask tough questions and include pertinent facts compound that disservice.

So forget the penalty box. Give 'em all game misconducts and send 'em to the showers, where they'll be pleased to find no ice at all.

ANOTHER VIEW

The (Scranton) Times-Tribune on Pennsylvania's Legislature:

Pennsylvania became the last budgetless state Sept. 1 when the Connecticut Legislature finally passed a budget.

If ever there was a demonstration of why Pennsylvanians do not need 253 full-time state legislators, it is this preposterous budget impasse.

The nation's largest full-time state legislature is now the only one that has been unable to adopt a state budget. Coincidence? We think not. Although the stalemate this year is perversely historic for its length, this is the seventh consecutive year in which the bloated Legislature has been unable to pass a budget on time.

The National Conference of State Legislatures has updated its report on legislative staffing. Apparently, it requires a great deal of staff work to not pass a budget. Pennsylvania has the largest legislative staff of any state government, with 2,918 staffers serving 203 representatives and 50 senators. New York used to have the biggest legislative staff but that contingent has shrunk by 401 permanent positions over the last two years, leaving a total of 2,676. Over the same period, Pennsylvania has reduced its staff payroll by 27 positions.

California, with three times the population of Pennsylvania, has nearly 900 fewer staffers.

The Legislature continues to evade the pain it is inflicting on the rest of the commonwealth. As schools borrow money, food pantries go bare and services diminish, lawmakers sit on an unconscionable legislative operating surplus of more than $200 million, and to employ huge staffs.

One of the lessons of this budget disaster is that the Legislature itself must become leaner in order to become more effective. Its size should be reduced at least by half. That would require a constitutional amendment. But no such process would be necessary to trim legislative staffs to a size that serves policy rather than politics.

Even more telling are the comments of local members of the House and Senate, who revealed their own inability to participate in crafting a workable budget.

It's all about deference to the "leaders" of the four caucuses and a few of their confidants. That small group has had abundant time to achieve the compromise that is necessary to pass any budget, yet it has been unable to do so.

Amid that incompetence or intransigence, rank-and-file lawmakers have done, well ... nothing. They are, simply, waiting to be told how to vote. As a group, they are a flock of sheep without diligent shepherds.

What is truly remarkable is that many of the lawmakers standing on the sidelines were elected in the furor of 2006, the electoral backlash to the 2005 legislative pay-raise fiasco. Not only have they fallen far short of the reform agenda that propelled them to office, they seem not to recognize that they are stoking the fire under a fiasco of their own. New polling by the reliable Center for Opinion Research at Franklin & Marshall College shows record low approval for the Legislature's performance.

Once they finally get around to doing their job and pass a budget, lawmakers must resolve to hear Pennsylvanians and address the even bigger questions of ineffective governance, including the excessive size of the Legislature, gerrymandering that ensures long-term incumbency, and the ability of lawmakers to insulate themselves from the people that they are supposed to represent.

Obama speech in 13 steps

Rich **LOWRY**

Everyone marvels at Barack Obama's rhetorical prowess. But don't be overly bedazzled. With these 13 easy steps, you, too, can give a Barack Obama speech.

1) Create a false center. In his speech to a joint session of Congress, Obama positioned himself between the left calling for a single-payer system and the right agitating to end employer-based health insurance. Presto — he's the very definition of a centrist. Anyone advocating almost any position can benefit from the same insta-centrism.

2) Scorn ideology. Obama warned against "the usual Washington ideological battles." Message: He has no philosophical commitments himself. He's pushing a Great Society redux only as a matter of practicality. Superficial pragmatism is the ideologue's best friend.

3) Talk about your openness to ideas from opponents. The more you do this, the less you have to adopt any of their ideas. "I will continue to seek common ground," Obama said. "I will be there to listen. My door is always open." While he does all this common-ground seeking, Obama will be whipping up the Democratic votes to pass a massive, liberal reordering of the health-care system. But he'll be listening!

4) Embrace empty symbolic measures as a show of reasonableness. The centrist, nonideological, open-minded leader needs something tangible to demonstrate all these qualities, lest anyone suspect it's a rhetorical put-on. This is why God, in his goodness, created the demonstration project. In a bow to Republicans, Obama blessed medical-malpractice experiments in the states. Thus, he takes the most tentative step toward a GOP idea while marching his Democrats toward an overhaul of one-sixth of the economy by Thanksgiving.

5) Make lawyerly distinctions too subtle for most people to notice. Never underestimate the power of the cagey formulation. Obama said people won't be "required" to change their current arrangements if they like them. That sounds reassuring even though it leaves open the likelihood that millions will have to change insurance as a result of his plan. (Caution: May require the aid of experienced policy hands and professional speechwriters.)

6) Say things just because they sound good. Why not? Obama always says he'll reduce costs even though the Democratic plans do little or nothing to reduce costs. That's his sound bite, and he's sticking to it.

7) Dissemble as necessary. Don't hesitate to brazen it out as needed. The House plan authorizes the secretary of health and human services to include abortion coverage in the public option. But Obama insists reform won't cover abortion, and accuses his opponents of lying when they say it will. Shamelessness has its advantages, especially if a compliant press will overlook it.

8) Make the price right. Washington's new standard for expensive is $1 trillion. Naturally, Obama's plan came in at $900 billion. He might as well have said it will cost $999.999 billion.

9) Never admit any cost or downside to what you are proposing. Even an unparalleled genius of an orator has trouble selling things people don't like. So don't do it. Obama stipulated the new taxes will fall on insurers and drug companies. And, oh yeah, don't say "taxes." They are "revenues" and "fees." Or, in the case of employers, it's called "chipping in." As for the Medicare cuts, all of them will come from "waste and fraud" and "unnecessary subsidies." See how easy this is?

10) Couple attacks on your critics as unworthy hacks with calls for civility. If you favor "a civil conversation," you can better dismiss your opponents for their "bickering" and "games."

11) Be sure to say something like "this is the time." Evocations of the urgency of the moment sound bold and determined. E.g., "Now is the time to deliver on health care," because "here and now we will meet history's test." The status quo can't be accepted: "Not this time. Not now."

12) At least once a speech, keep talking over the applause. This is inspiring.

13) Load it up in a teleprompter. And repeat as necessary.

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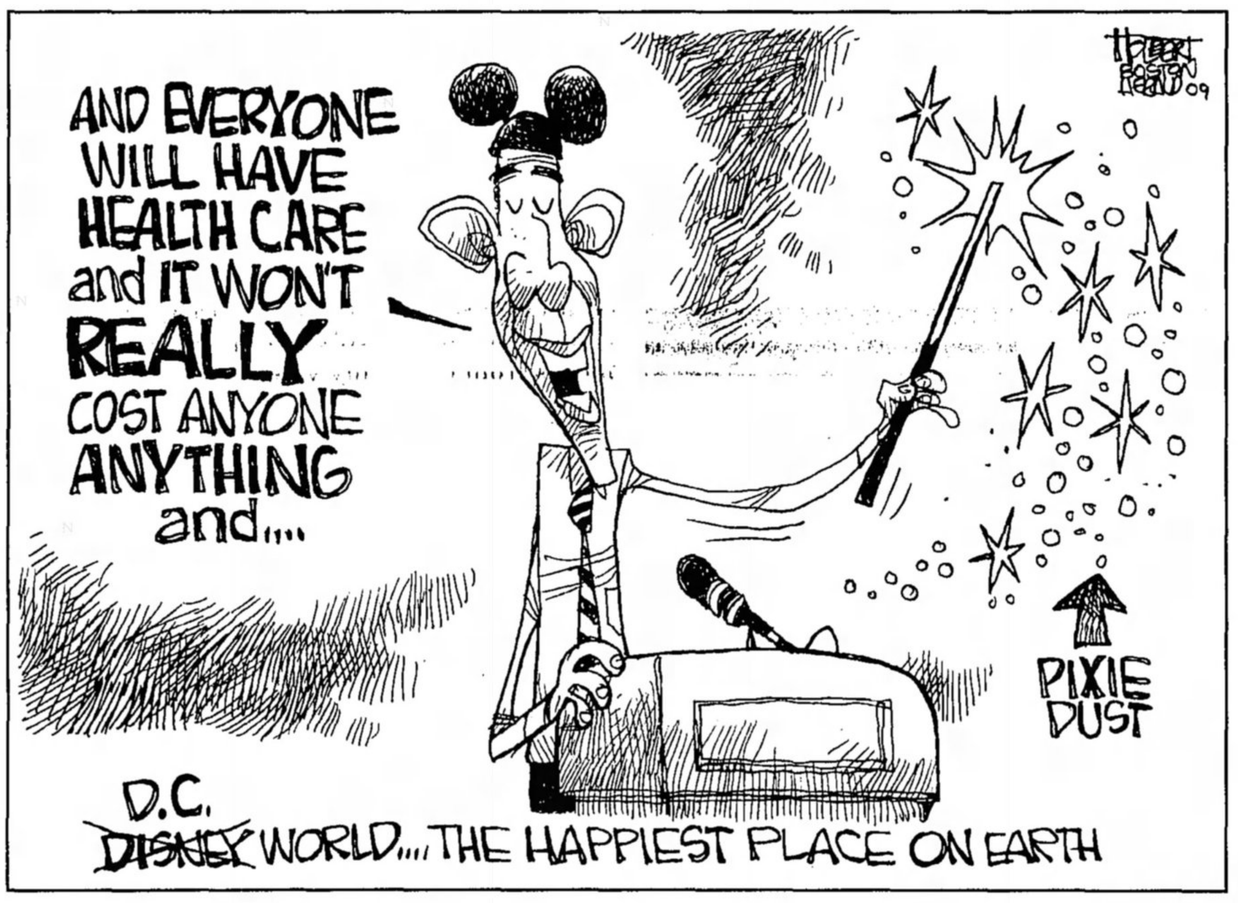
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Interrogators want Obama probe

Nat **HENTOFF**

After former CIA Inspector General John Helgerson's recently released explosive 2004 report on "enhanced" interrogations of terrorism suspects, he said he began his investigation "in part because of expressions of concern by Agency (CIA) employees that the actions in which they were involved, or of which they were aware, would be determined by judicial authorities in the US or abroad to be illegal."

And strikingly, he added, "Many expressed to me personally their feelings that what the Agency was doing was fundamentally inconsistent with long established U.S. Government policy and with American values, and was based on strained legal reasoning." (Washington Post, Aug. 24).

In my 2004 book, "The War on the Bill of Rights and the Gathering Resistance," I quoted several of these rebel interrogators, including 27-year-FBI-veteran Jack Cloonan, senior case agent on the FBI's "Bin Laden Squad." He was giving instructions to the FBI interrogators of prominent Al Qaeda official Khalid Sheikh Mohammed at a secret prison at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan. He told them to follow the procedures we had adopted as if they were talking to this person in New York." Subsequent CIA interrogators of KSM disagreed and used "black site" procedures.

Now, Cloonan has returned to this grimly festering debate amid the furious outcry by Dick Cheney, present and past CIA directors, and Republican leaders that even the narrow preliminary inquiry Attorney General Eric Holder has ordered on CIA methods will have — as House Minority Leader John Boehner warns — "a chilling effect on the ability of our intelligence professionals to do their jobs."

On Aug. 21, Cloonan was one of three signers of a letter to the chairmen of the House of Senate Judiciary and Intelligence Committees. Joining Cloonan was Steven Kleinman. With more than 20 years in the field, Kleinman is one of the Defense Department's most experienced interrogators and recently was a senior adviser on a study of strategic interrogation for the Director of National Intelligence. Kleinman has conducted interrogations in three separate military campaigns.

The third signer, Matthew Alexander, has intensive experience, including having been the senior interrogator for the 2006 task force that tracked down exceptionally dangerous Al Qaeda leader in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. For security reasons, he uses a pseudonym. (PublicRecord.org, Aug. 23)

Starkly, their letter insisted that "prosecutions of individuals who violated anti-torture statues alone ... will not prevent policy makers from making similar mistakes in the future. At the heart of the policy decisions buttressing interrogators' use of torture and cruelty lay closed processes that have yet to be scrutinized with cool heads and wise counsel." (Washington Independent, Aug. 24).

Therefore, "a nonpartisan, independent commission with subpoena power should assess the deeply flawed policy making framework behind the decision to permit torture and cruelty."

In directly urging President Obama to appoint this nonpartisan commission, "not to look backward but to provide recommendations for the future," these deeply seasoned interrogators emphasize that such an independent review, which perforce must go up the chain of command, including Justice Department lawyers who created "the torture memos," will "strengthen our system of checks and balances so that when faced with the next challenge, we get it right."

During an interview with Jason Leopold of The Public Record (pubrecord.org), Aug. 23, Kleinman said — Mr. President take heed — "I've had the honor of testifying before four committees of Congress and I am always astounded at the profound political partisan politics that surround this issue. I'm a professional interrogator. I have 25 years of experience in this and I don't have any concern whatsoever that an investigation into how we conducted ourselves since 9/11 would in any way undermine our ability to continue gathering intelligence."

Significantly, in this land of the free and home of the brave, Kleinman added: "I have friends in the intelligence community who won't speak up because to do so is almost a career-ender."

And that might happen with Leon Panetta as director of the CIA. But we have a tradition in this country going back to the Founders — who would have been hanged by King George III if the American Revolution had not succeeded — of speaking up to power.

If I were still teaching what used to be called civics (which has largely disappeared from many schools), I would discuss with students whether they agree that Jack Cloonan, Steven Kleinman and Matthew Alexander exemplify the actual meaning of patriotism.

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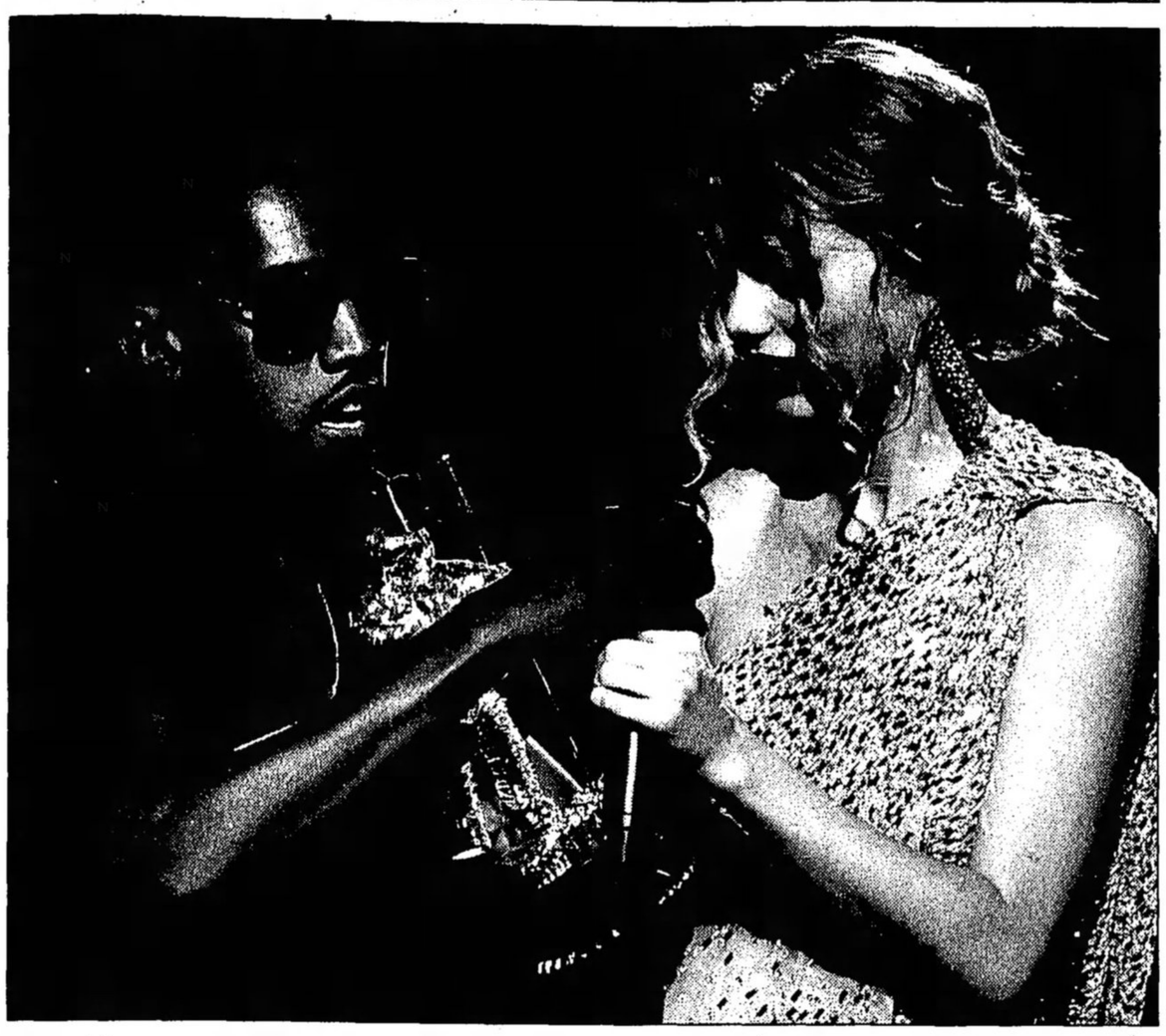


Associated Press

Singer Kanye West takes the microphone from singer Taylor Swift as she accepts the "Best Female Video" award during the MTV Video Music Awards on Sunday in New York.

Crowd boos as West bullies Swift at MTVs

The singer has a habit of disrupting awards shows.

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK – Kanye West apologized for yet another outburst at the MTV Video Music Awards, this time directed at country-pop sweetheart Taylor Swift.

The disruption upstaged not just Swift's awards speech, but the entire evening, including an emotional tribute to Michael Jackson.

In a rare conciliatory moment, West took to his blog to apologize. In a standard all-caps message, West said: "I'M SOOOOO SORRY TO TAYLOR SWIFT AND HER FANS AND HER MOM. I SPOKE TO HER MOTHER RIGHT AFTER AND SHE SAID THE SAME THING MY MOTHER WOULD'VE SAID. SHE IS VERY TALENTED!"

West – who has flipped out after losing at the VMAs, the Grammys, the American Music Awards and more – again took umbrage when the awards process didn't go the way he wanted it to go. This time, it was on behalf of Beyonce.

Beyonce, nominated for best female video for "Single Ladies," was bested by Swift, the best-selling artist of the year outside of Jackson.

The 19-year-old was giddy when she won for her clip, "You Belong With Me," the first award given out Sunday, and said, "I always wondered what it would be like to maybe win one of these someday, but never actually thought it would happen."

But West ruined her moment when he jumped on stage at Radio City Music Hall.

"Taylor, I'm really happy for you, and I'm gonna let you finish, but Beyonce had one of the best videos of all time," he said, as a shocked Beyonce looked on and the crowd began to boo.

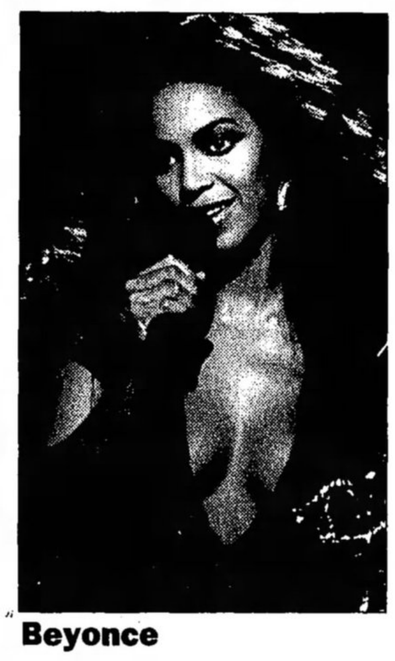
A crestfallen Swift didn't finish her speech, but the audience applauded her anyway. She later performed "You Belong With Me" in a subway station.

Swift later got a speech do-over, courtesy of Beyonce, who won video of the year for "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)."

Beyonce recalled that she won her first VMA at age 17, as a member of Destiny's Child.

"I remember how excited I was," she said. "I'd like Taylor to come out and have her moment."

A smiling but nervous Swift then said, "Can we try this again?" before going on to thank everyone she would have thanked had West not interrupted her.



Beyonce

Later, backstage, Swift said she had never met West and had been a fan. She declined to get into a verbal tussle with West: "I don't know him and I don't want to start anything."

Instead, she praised Beyonce for giving her the stage. "I thought that I couldn't love Beyonce more and then tonight happened and it was just wonderful."

The celebrity crowd was unforgiving of West.

When Diddy read West's name later in the show while introducing the nominees for best male video, the crowd booed, and Diddy said in mock surprise, "What happened?"

The crowd responded by chanting Swift's name. (T.I. won the award.) The audience booed West's name later in the show.

Said West on his blog: "BEYONCE'S VIDEO WAS THE BEST OF THIS DECADE!!!! ... EVERYBODY WANNA BOOOOO ME BUT I'M A FAN OF REAL POP CULTURE!!! NO DISRESPECT BUT WE WATCHIN' THE SHOW AT THE CRIB RIGHT NOW CAUSE ... WELL YOU KNOW!!!! I'M STILL HAPPY FOR TAYLOR!!!! "

The incident provided the VMAs with its traditional watercooler moment, but also completely overshadowed what had been expected to be the show's main attraction – a poignant, tender tribute to Michael Jackson by Madonna and sister Janet.

Madonna gave a moving speech about her relationship with Jackson, which began when she was a youngster idolizing the then-child star, then morphed into a friendship when both were at the apex of their careers and later, grew distant.

Madonna lamented the negative publicity that dogged Jackson in his later years.

"Sometimes, we have to lose things before we can truly appreciate them," said Madonna, dressed in black. "Yes, Michael Jackson was a human being, but yes, he was a king. Long live the king."

The musical tribute began afterward, as Jackson clones dressed in some of the King of Pop's signature outfits performed his famous video dance moves.

Then, as "Scream," his duet with Janet, appeared on a large screen, his sister came out to recreate the moves from their only video together as the crowd cheered her on. Afterward, she looked heavenward, and bowed.

Jackson died June 25 at age 50. He was not only an integral part of MTV's history, he also provided the VMAs with some of its most memorable moments, including his infamous smooch with then-wife Lisa Marie Presley, in 1994.

The night had its surreal moments, too. Lady Gaga – who arrived at the show wearing a gold mask right out of "Phantom of the Opera" and with Kermit the Frog as her date – gave a typically eccentric performance of her song "Paparazzi."

> "I don't know him and I don't want to start anything."
>
> TAYLOR SWIFT

It included a bedazzled wheelchair, Lady Gaga dancing with a crutch, and ended with her hanging as fake blood drenched her torso.

Later, when she won the award for best new artist, she accepted it swathed in red lace from head to toe. She ripped the lace from her face during her profanity-laden speech, which she ended by saying, "Thank you for God and for the gays."

The night's best performance may have come courtesy of Pink, who delivered a high-flying version of her song "Sober" with an acrobatic, trapeze act that had her dangling from the rafters.

And the night didn't just focus on music: Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart and Taylor Lautner, the stars of "Twilight," presented an extended trailer from the movie's sequel, "New Moon."

A Jackson moment ended the night, however. The full trailer for "This Is It," the documentary about Jackson's preparations for his comeback concerts that were to be held in London, was shown. The film is to be released in October.

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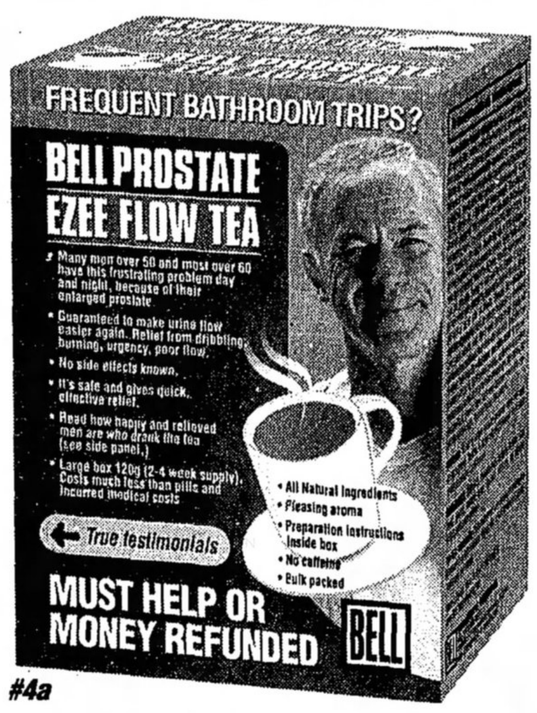
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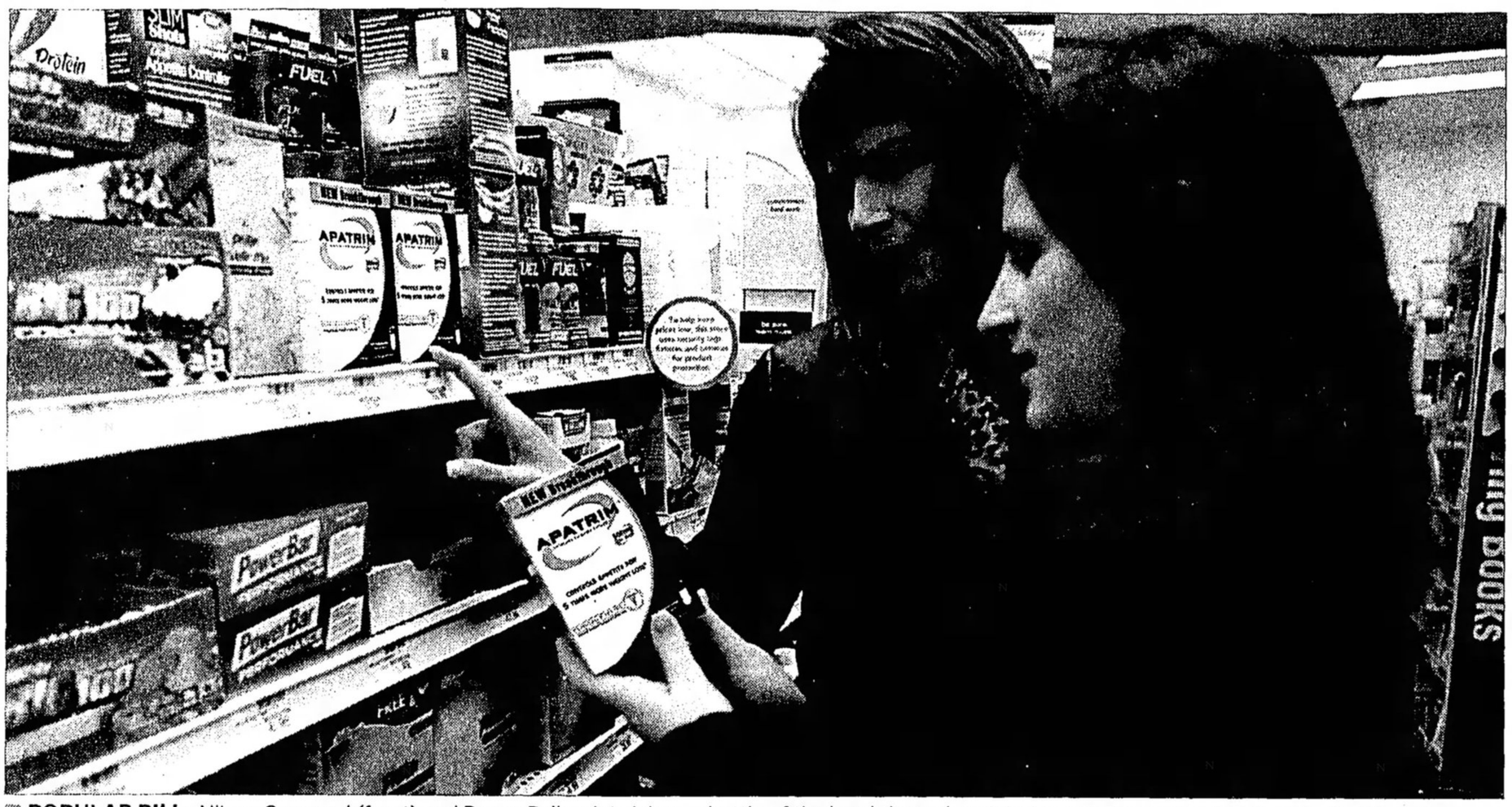
Sales are booming for clinical strength diet pill

Participants in clinical study lost an average of 5 times more weight without additional exercise or diets; 48-hour time limit now in place

By K. Tedeschi
Universal Media Syndicate



POPULAR PILL: Allison Garwood (front) and Renee Pellegrini pick up a bottle of the breakthrough weight loss supplement called Apatrim® at the pharmacy. An amazing 100% of the participants in the U.S. clinical trial got results taking Apatrim and its popularity is soaring. Consumers can call 1-866-964-2349 to have Apatrim shipped directly to their homes.

(UMS) - Over 10 million doses have been shipped to dieters so far, and sales continue to climb every day for the diet supplement called Apatrim*.

"We knew we had a great product, but it's even exceeded our expectations," said Ken Geis, Manager of Call Center Operations for PatentHEALTH the company that developed the clinically tested weight loss supplement.

"People just keep placing orders, it's been pretty amazing," he said.

But a closer look at this weight loss sensation suggests that maybe the company shouldn't have been caught off guard by its success.

There are some very good reasons for Apatrim's surging popularity.

To begin with, the clinical test results were very impressive. Participants taking Apatrim's active ingredient lost an average of 400% more weight than those taking a placebo during the 4-week U.S. clinical study. These remarkable results were achieved without additional exercise or diets.[1]*

Apatrim comes from a natural edible plant source. It's safe, as well as easy to use. This weight loss supplement can actually begin working the very first day. And since researchers believe Apatrim works to suppress appetite, most people can eat what they want and still lose weight.*

"By suppressing their appetite, most people will consume fewer calories which can lead to weight loss," said Dr. Joseph Dietz, Director of Health Science, Research & Development for PatentHEALTH. "Consumers should always keep in mind that there is no substitute for proper diet and exercise when it comes to losing weight."*

Impressive clinical results

Apatrim's active ingredient has a known ability to help control hunger pangs. This allows people to eat the foods they want and always seem to be craving because they'll just want to eat less.*

The U.S. clinical study was conducted in Los Angeles. The study included healthy, overweight individuals between the ages of 31 and 73. The caloric intake and level of exercise was not disclosed.

The participants were instructed not to change the food they were eating and not to add any exercise. Specifically, no changes to their daily routine; just take the recommended dosage 30 minutes before lunch and dinner.

A remarkable 100% of the participants taking Apatrim as directed either lost weight or inches off of their waistline during the 4 week clinical study. Those losing weight lost an average of 5 times more than study participants who were taking the placebo pills.*

Some participants experienced fabulous results, losing as much as 8 lbs and up to 2 inches off their waistline. These amazing results were achieved without changes in lifestyle. All they did was take the pills as instructed.[2]*

Professional support

Industry trends along with professional's support in the weight loss and fitness industries indicate that Apatrim is the real thing. This amazing pill is being recommended to companies and clients across the country.

Mark Loy, a personal trainer has had some of his clients use Apatrim with great success.[3]

"When I'm working with my clients I can control what they're eating," said Loy. "But when they leave they're on their own and that's when the tendency to cheat comes into play," he continued.

"I heard about Apatrim so I checked out the facts then decided to try it as a part of my training program," Loy said.

"It's really helped some of my clients to control their eating. I've watched people get some amazing results while taking Apatrim," said Loy. "Sign me up, I'm a believer."[2]

Dr. Joseph Dietz was impressed with the quality of the clinical trials as well as the U.S. patent (#7,060,308). This patent protects the proprietary method of extracting the active ingredient. This process is what the developing scientists believe is the key to the active ingredient's effectiveness.

"When I read the clinical results, the U.S. patent and all of the other scientific support I immediately knew we needed to use this weight loss compound," said Dietz.

"The results are real; Apatrim is a great product that's been shown to help people lose weight."*

Where to get it

All of the national retail pharmacies including Supercenters, CVS/pharmacy, Rite Aid and Walgreens have placed orders for Apatrim.

There have been some reports of out-of-stocks, so to make it easier for people to get it right away a Regional Health Hotline has been put in place for the next 48 hours.

Starting at 8:00am today, all consumers have to do is call 1-866-964-2349 and ask for Dept. AP5642; orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

"For those people who call the hotline to have Apatrim shipped directly to their homes, we guarantee they'll get product and they can also qualify for a direct-to-home discount," said Ken Geis. "But this discount is only available through the hotline for the next 48 hours," he said.

So for those who choose not to call or miss the deadline you may have to pay more for Apatrim or possibly run the risk of not finding it at the drug store.

Here's how to guarantee you get it:

To make it easy for people to get Apatrim quickly, the company has set up a Regional Health Hotline. Follow the instructions listed below to have Apatrim shipped directly to your home or you can check your local drug store to see if they have it in stock. For consumers who call the hotline, advise the operator that you want Apatrim shipped directly to your home so they can see if you qualify for the direct-to-home shipping discount.

Regional Health Hotline; 48 hours only

Consumers can begin calling promptly at **8:00am today**. The hotline will be available for the next 48 hours. **Call 1-866-964-2349** and ask for **Dept. AP5642**. All orders will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Retail Pharmacies:

National chains across the country that have ordered Apatrim include **Supercenters, CVS/pharmacy, Rite Aid** and **Walgreens**. All of these chains have confirmed that they have received their initial shipments of Apatrim and are working to make certain they have stock available. Consumers not able to find Apatrim at their local pharmacies can call the hotline and have it delivered directly to their homes. You may also qualify for a special discount.

On the web: www.apatrim.com

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1. Primary study based on 26 participants over a 4-week period. Participants were directed not to add any exercise or change eating habits. Participants level of caloric intake and exercise were not measured or disclosed. 2. Individual results may vary. 3. Mark Loy is a personal trainer and fitness consultant to PatentHEALTH, he is remunerated for his services.

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Drug stores load up with powerful joint pill

Sales skyrocketing; news of its amazing results spread across the U.S.

By G.W. Napier
Universal Media Syndicate

UMS - Consumers can't seem to get enough of it and drug stores are selling it as fast as they can get it.

"Unbelievable, that's all I can say," said Darla Miller, Operations Manager for PatentHEALTH the company that developed the breakthrough joint supplement.

Miller was referring to the fact that in just one day a drug store chain sold 2,000 bottles of the powerful joint health supplement called Trigosamine®.

"We've already shipped over 500,000 bottles of Trigosamine and sales just keep growing, it's been crazy," said Miller.

Scientists have developed this amazing oral tablet that doesn't require a prescription and is taken only once a day.

It's so impressive that one key ingredient has the ability to retain fluid up to 1000 times its own weight; this helps increase lubrication for the joints allowing them to move with ease.*

Trigosamine's key ingredient is Hyaluronate also called HA-13 which is the building block of "natural joint fluid," medically known as synovial fluid.

This joint fluid reduces friction in the joints allowing for effortless motion. It not only lubricates the joints, but it also acts as a comfortable shock absorber.

"As we age, the body's natural production of this fluid declines and this can force the bones in our joints to grind together which can result in nagging discomfort," said Dr. Joseph Dietz.[1]

"Using Trigosamine is like taking a can of oil and applying it directly to your joints," said Dr. Dietz.*

Trigosamine combines HA-13 with the essential blend of glucosamine and chondroitin which have been clinically shown to help build healthy cartilage in the joints allowing for increased flexibility and range of motion.*

A clinical study conducted by the United States government found that glucosamine and chondroitin, similar to those found in Trigosamine, had a 79.2% effective rate for those with moderate to severe joint discomfort.[2]*

But it's the results that make this joint supplement so impressive.

"We get messages from consumers all the time telling us how great Trigosamine works for them," said Miller.

"Everybody wants it," added Miller.

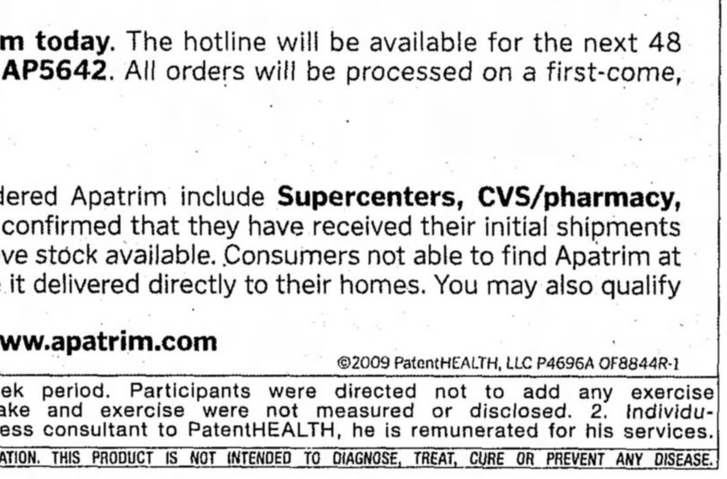
"CVS/pharmacy and Rite Aid were one of the first ones to order Trigosamine and they've loaded up their shelves. We've received reports that show they have some inventory left," said Miller.

"And to make it easier for people who can't find Trigosamine or don't want to go to the store, we've set up a National Order Hotline so they can have it delivered directly to their home," said Miller.

"We'll be offering a direct delivery discount for the next 72 hours, and consumers should know they can't get this discount at drug stores," she added.

Otherwise those living in the local area that miss the deadline won't be able get the discount. They'll have to go to their local drug store to try and get Trigosamine and may be hard pressed to find it.

Or, visit us online at:
www.trigosamine.com



HEALTHY JOINTS: X-rays reveal joints that have the proper amounts of synovial fluid to lubricate the joints. HA-13, one of Trigosamine's key ingredients is a component of synovial fluid.

ALMOST GONE: Sales of the joint pill Trigosamine are soaring which could lead to out of stocks as shown in this photo illustration. Consumers unable to find it can call **1-800-924-2109** and have it shipped directly to their homes.

Local Readers Discount Deadline

You may be able to find Trigosamine at **CVS/pharmacy** and **Rite Aid** since they have received shipments. If you want Trigosamine shipped directly to your home and would like the local readers discount, call the National Order Hotline listed below before the **72-hour deadline** expires. Otherwise you'll have to get Trigosamine at the drug store and may run the risk of not being able to find it.

Begin Calling at 8:00AM TODAY
1-800-924-2109
Approval Code: TG9839
Discount Ends in 72 hours

1. Dr. Joseph Dietz, PhD currently conducts full time research for PatentHEALTH, LLC. as Director of Health Science, Research Development. 2. Statements herein are based upon published public information and do not imply affiliation, sponsorship or endorsement of Trigosamine by the United States Government.

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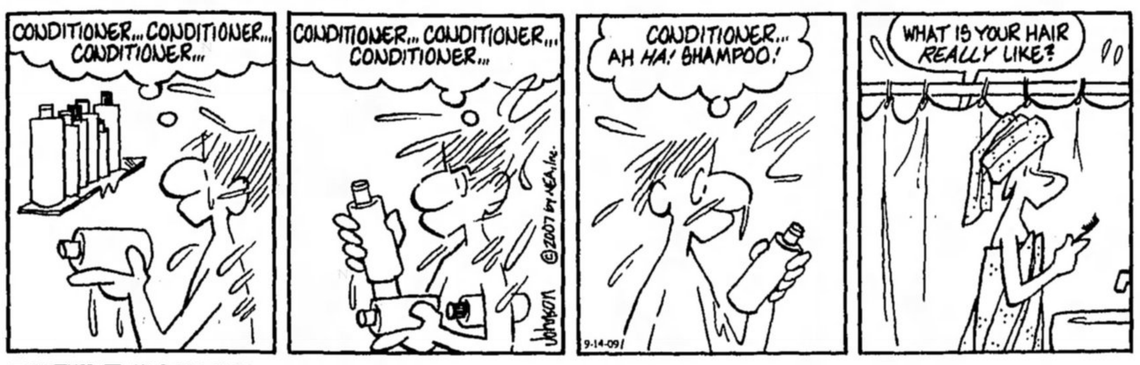
COMICS

CATHY® by Cathy Guisewite

I TRIED ALL THE JEANS AND NOTHING FITS!
TIME TO TRY ANOTHER STORE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "TRY ANOTHER STORE"??
IF ONE STORE DOESN'T WORK, WE TRY ALL THE OTHER STORES!
ARE YOU KIDDING?? HA, HA! MOST MEN HAVE NEVER EVEN TRIED ON CLOTHES...AND YOU TRY ON STORES?? HOO, HA! THAT'S A GOOD ONE!
IMAGINE THE LAUGHTER THAT WILL FILL THE AIR WHEN HE LEARNS THE NEXT STEP IS TO TRY DIFFERENT MALLS.

GARFIELD® by Jim Davis

ARLO and JANIS® by Jimmy Johnson


CONDITIONER... CONDITIONER... CONDITIONER...
CONDITIONER... CONDITIONER... CONDITIONER...
CONDITIONER... AH HA! SHAMPOO!
WHAT IS YOUR HAIR REALLY LIKE?

Classic PEANUTS® by Charles M. Schulz

IT WAS MY FIRST DAY IN KINDERGARTEN, SEE..SUDDENLY, THE TEACHER ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS SNACK TIME..
SO I ASKED HER IF I COULD HAVE A CHOCOLATE SUNDAE...YOU KNOW WHAT I GOT? A CRACKER!
THAT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME WHEN YOU'RE A DOG..

BEETLE BAILEY® by Mort Walker

HI & LOIS® by Mort Walker and Dick Browne

WITH SIX PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE, IT SEEMS LIKE I'M ALWAYS DOING LAUNDRY!
THERE'S GOT TO BE A BETTER WAY!
I'VE GOT A BRILLIANT IDEA! BIODEGRADABLE CLOTHING MADE FROM PLANT MATERIAL!
I THINK ADAM AND EVE ALREADY TRIED THAT.
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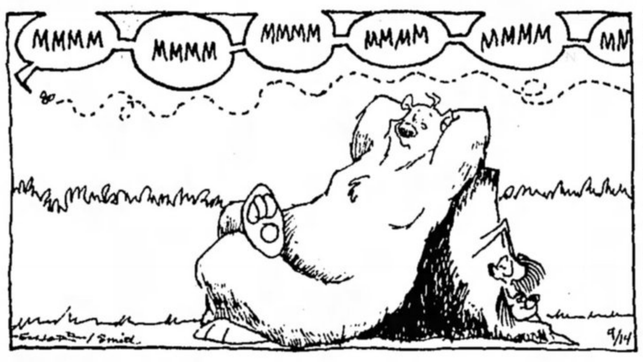
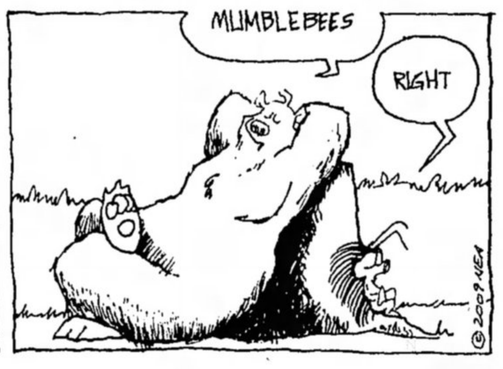
GRIZZWELLS® by Bill Schorr





BORN LOSER® by Art Sansom

FIRST, THERE WAS A CASH FOR CLUNKER CARS PROGRAM...
THEN SOMEONE CAME UP WITH THE IDEA OF CASH FOR CLUNKER APPLIANCES...
I'M WAITING FOR CASH FOR CLUNKER HUSBANDS!
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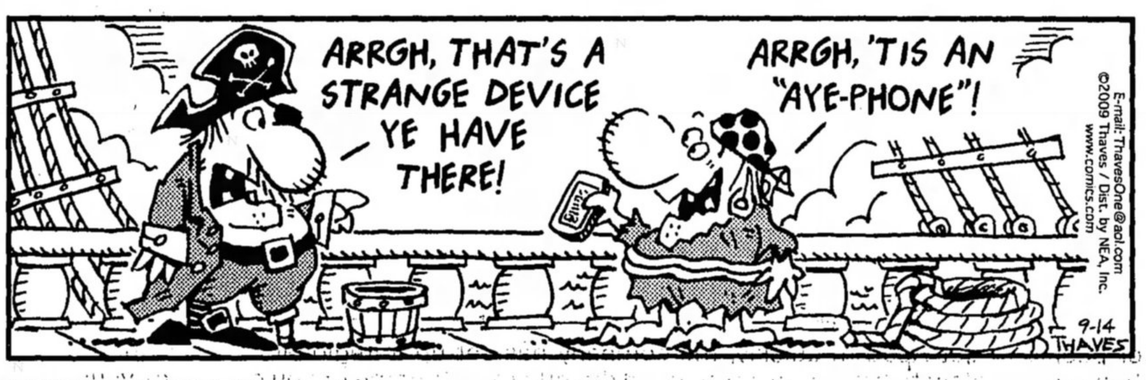
FRANK and ERNEST® by Bob Thaves



BLONDIE® by Young and Marshall

I CAN'T SLEEP! WOULD YOU MIND SWITCHING SIDES WITH ME?
WHY?!
BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS SLEEP SO SOUNDLY...IT MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOUR SIDE OF THE BED
THAT'S CRAZY, BUT I'M TOO TIRED TO ARGUE ABOUT IT
SUDDENLY I'M HUNGRY!
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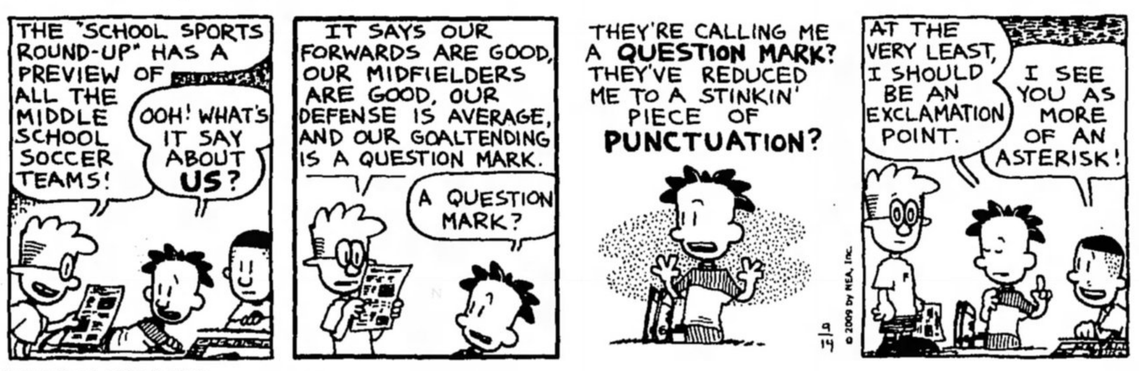
SOUP TO NUTZ™ by Rick Stromoski

KIT'N' CARLYLE® by Larry Wright

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

"When the cold weather gets here, this will be one of the good ol' days."

BIG NATE® by Lincolin Peirce


THE "SCHOOL SPORTS ROUND-UP" HAS A PREVIEW OF ALL THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER TEAMS!
OOH! WHAT'S IT SAY ABOUT US?
IT SAYS OUR FORWARDS ARE GOOD, OUR MIDFIELDERS ARE GOOD, OUR DEFENSE IS AVERAGE, AND OUR GOALTENDING IS A QUESTION MARK.
A QUESTION MARK?
THEY'RE CALLING ME A QUESTION MARK? THEY'VE REDUCED ME TO A STINKIN' PIECE OF PUNCTUATION?
AT THE VERY LEAST, I SHOULD BE AN EXCLAMATION POINT.
I SEE YOU AS MORE OF AN ASTERISK!

MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

DO WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT AN ALLIGATOR COMING INTO OUR CAMP, MARK?
I DON'T THINK SO, BUT I'LL KEEP THE FIRE GOING!
MAKE A BIG FIRE!
IF SASSY SEES ONE SHE'LL BARK AND WAKE US UP!
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JACK ELROD

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis SudoKu By Dave Green

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Answer to previous puzzle

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1	3	8	4	2	9	6	5	7
6	4	7	5	8	1	2	3	9
8	1	3	9	4	5	7	6	2
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The Valley Independent Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Tailless cat
5 Guy's date
8 Off-road vehicle
11 Toon light bulb
12 In a dither
14 Make haste
15 Lunchtime
16 Hold up well
17 Hydrocarbon suffix
18 Candy bar
20 Pyramid builders
22 John — Passos
23 In order
24 Trailer rental (hyph.)
27 Use FedEx
29 Dress bottom
30 Field tassels (2 wds.)
34 Squanders
37 Through
38 Nocturnal sound
39 Wanting
41 Prudish one
43 Amusement
44 Place for cocktails
46 Show backer
49 Conclude
50 What the hen did
52 Bit of gossip
54 Virtuoso
55 Type of eagle
56 — Scotia
57 Part of mpg
58 Dell or Gateway wares
59 Camelot lady

DOWN

1 Opposite of max
2 Commotions
3 Diner sign
4 "Kubla Khan" setting
5 Ogles
6 Season
7 Friable soil
8 Out in front
9 Cheap-sounding
10 Plunging neck-lines
13 Potatoes au —
19 Mil. rank
21 Kennel sounds
24 Antenna type
25 That woman
26 Left Bank pal
27 Arrange
28 Paycheck abbr.
30 Co. honcho
31 "— Gotta Be Me"
32 Pot top
33 Ballard or Starr
35 Watery
36 Kind of switch
39 Cell habitant
40 Locomotive
41 Explorer — de Leon
42 More uncouth
43 Slowly vanishes
44 "Quantum —"
45 Tombstone deputy
47 Bond's alma mater
48 Name in blue jeans
51 Small-business mag
53 Ticked off

Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	M	W	■	■	P	E	C	■	R	O	P	E
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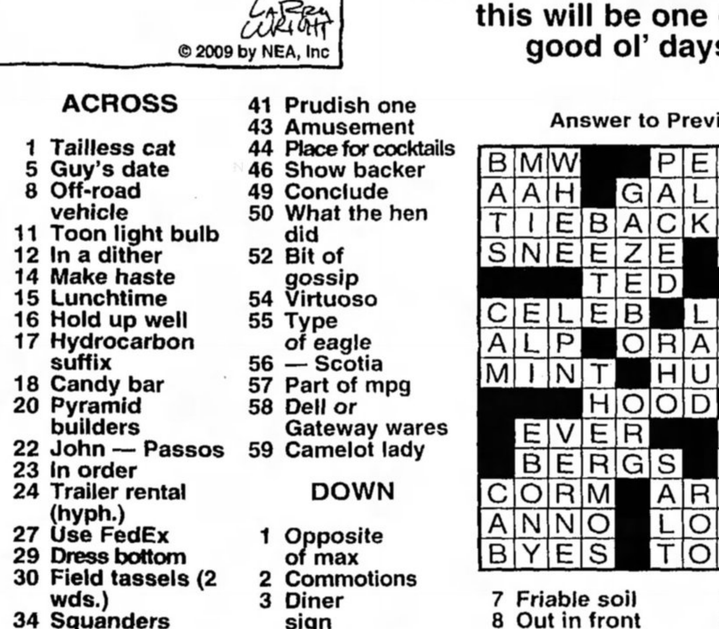

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Words of apology aren't part of wife's vocabulary

Dear ABBY

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married 23 years. Not once in all those 23 years have I ever received an apology from her.

She spilled mustard on my shirt while she was reaching across a table. It was my fault for not handing her a napkin she was reaching for.

While we were playing racquetball she drilled me in the back with the ball and left a huge and painful welt. Again, nothing.

She charged $4,000 on a credit card and didn't tell me. She said it was "my fault" — she was "getting back at me" for spending too much time at work. After talking and counseling, I still received no apology.

I'm not perfect, and we have other issues in the marriage, but I am at a loss as to why she won't apologize for anything — even injuring me in an accident. She spins every argument so she can win. Why won't my wife say "I'm sorry"? — **HARASSED HUSBAND IN IDAHO**

DEAR HUSBAND: I strongly suspect it's because she isn't sorry. What she is is angry and has a need to punish you. The safest way to do that for her is through an "accident."

More than needing an answer from me, what you need is insight from a licensed psychotherapist to help you understand not only why your wife acts out the way she does — but also why you would continue to tolerate it for 23 years.

DEAR ABBY: At what point does a parent stop giving unsolicited advice? It is painful to watch my "child" repeatedly make choices that aren't in her best interest.

My daughter, "Alicia," is 43. When she inherited a considerable estate, I told her the windfall could make her quite comfortable in her old age. She agreed. After a year and a half I doubt she has much of her inheritance left.

Now that yet another live-in relationship has ended, I suggested that next time she find a man who is self-supporting. I also urged her to quit uprooting herself and her kids.

After years of weight issues, Alicia now has a new figure thanks to Lap-Band and plastic surgery. She let the boyfriend du jour select the size of her implants. Being of the strip club mentality, he chose DD. Abby, my daughter looks like two olives on a toothpick. I'm heartsick and can't help but wonder what my teenage grandchildren think. It's hard to watch a train wreck happen.

Although I am trying to keep my mouth shut, she tells me she "feels" my disapproval. I think it's her conscience that she's trying to ignore. Must I duct tape my mouth shut? — **DISAPPROVING MOM IN TEXAS**

DEAR MOM: At this point, yes. Your daughter is an adult. She hasn't listened before and she's unlikely to do it now. Perhaps when her current romance ends, she'll be more receptive. But for now, keep mum, mom.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 16 and a junior in high school. I was diagnosed with panic disorder and have recently started treatment. I have only told a few friends and family members that I'm seeing a therapist and am on medication.

What should I do if I have an anxiety attack or panic attack in class?

Should I talk to the school nurse or counselor so I'll have a safe place to go? — **PANICKED IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR PANICKED: Yes, you should absolutely do that if it will lessen your level of anxiety. You should also inform your teachers. But before you do, ask your therapist to give you a note you can share with them.

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MONDAY EVENING — SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS	(2) KDKA-TV News at Six (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 6	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric (7) Entertainment (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (7) Inside Edition (10) Two and a Half Men	How I Met Your Mother "As Fast As She Can" Speeding ticket.	How I Met Your Mother "The Leap" Surprise birthday party.	Two and a Half Men Judith's rushed to the hospital.	(:31) The Big Bang Theory Three-month science expedition.	CSI: Miami "Seeing Red" Despite Calleigh's protests, Delko gets involved with his dangerous father.		(2) KDKA-TV News at 11 (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 11	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman Adam Sandler; Cage the Elephant.		(:37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson		(2) (:37) Extra (7) (:37) The Dr. Oz Show (10) (:37) Paid Programming	(2) (:07) Bringing Wall Street to Main Street (10) (:07) Paid Programming	(2) (:37) Paid Programming (7) (10) (:37) Up to the Minute (N)
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ABC	(4) Action News at 6 (23) Deal No	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition (23) Jeopardy!	(4) Entertainment Tonight (23) Wheel of Fortune	★★★ "Dreamgirls" (2006, Musical) Jamie Foxx, Beyoncé Knowles, Eddie Murphy. Premiere. Three singers learn that fame has a high price.						(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (23) News	(:35) Nightline (N)	(12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Gerard Butler; Nate Berkus; Maxwell.		(4) Oprah (23) Trivial Pursuit	(23) (:36) RENO 911! "Execution Tickets"	(4) (:06) Paid Program (23) (:06) Paid Programming	(4) Action News at 11 (23) Paid Prog
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NBC	(6) WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N) (9) News (N) (11) Channel 11 News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight (9) (11) Jeopardy!	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune "Las Vegas"	America's Got Talent The remaining eight acts perform. (Live)				The Jay Leno Show (Series Premiere) Jerry Seinfeld; Jay-Z; Rihanna; Kanye West. (N)		(6) WJAC-TV News (9) News (11) Ch. 11 News	(:35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien Charlize Theron; Steven Ho; Dave Matthews Band. (N)		(:37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon Sen. John McCain; Miranda Cosgrove. (N)		(:36) Last Call With Carson Daly Rob Huebel.	(:05) Poker After Dark Eli Elezra; Tom Dwan; Howard Lederer; Phil Ivey; Patrik Antonius; Ilari Sahamies. (N)	
(6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI																		
FOX	(8) The Simpsons (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show (53) Frasier	(8) Seinfeld (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) Everybody Loves Raymond (53) Seinfeld	House "Under My Skin; Both Sides Now" House and the team treat a ballerina whose lungs collapse during a performance. (PA)				(8) News (53) Channel 11 News	(:35) Everybody Loves Raymond	(8) (:05) Seinfeld (53) Seinfeld	(8) (:35) Frasier (53) Scrubs	(8) Star Trek: Next Gener. (53) Paid Program	(53) Bringing Wall Street to Main Street	(8) (:05) Paid Programming (53) Contour	(8) Paid Prog (53) Bring Wall St	(8) (:05) Paid Programming (53) George Lopez	(8) Paid Program (53) House of Payne
(8) WWCP (53) WPGH																		
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OnQ	Members' Favorite							Charlie Rose (N)		OnQ	Members' Favorite			
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	One Tree Hill (Season Premiere) (N)		Gossip Girl Chuck and Blair adjust to life as a couple.		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	Paid Programming
(22) WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	Twilight	Twilight	Magic's Biggest Secrets		Law Order: CI		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Bernie Mac	My Wife	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Cornerstone Family Week: Lest We Forget (Live)								Cornerstone Family Week: Lest We Forget							
(59) WBGN	TBA	RENO 911!	TBA	Paid Prog	★★ "The Man in the Moon" (1991) Sam Waterston.				Cheaters	RENO 911!	Punk'd	Cribs	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami "Camp Fear"		Criminal Minds "Derailed"		Intervention "Jason"		Intervention (N)		Hoarders (N)		Paranormal	Paranormal	Intervention "Jason"		Intervention		Hoarders	
ABCFAM	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	'70s Show	'70s Show	Lincoln Heights		Greek (N)		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Lincoln Heights		Paid Prog	Ab Secrets	Paid Prog	Net Millions
AMC	(5:30) ★★★ "October Sky" (1999) Jake Gyllenhaal.				★★ "The Astronaut Farmer" (2007, Drama) Billy Bob Thornton.					Mad Men "The Fog"	(:32) ★★★ "October Sky" (1999) Jake Gyllenhaal, Chris Cooper.						Mad Men "The Fog"	
ANPL	Weird, True & Freaky		Big Cat Challenge		Cats 101		Monsters Inside Me		Animal Cops Phoenix (N)		Cats 101		Monsters Inside Me		Animal Cops Phoenix		Big Cat Challenge	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen		BBC World News America		Top Gear (N)		Top Gear		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live				★ "Hair Show" (2004, Comedy) Mo'Nique, Kellita Smith, Gina Torres.					The Game	The Wendy Williams Show		Rising Icons	Frankie	Frankie	The Game	The Wendy Williams Show	
BRAVO	Top Chef	(:45) Top Chef: Las Vegas			Inside the Actors Studio		Real Housewives-Atlanta		The Rachel Zoe Project (N)		The Rachel Zoe Project		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Inside the Actors Studio	
CMT	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Hughes Family"				Trading Spouses		Trading Spouses		★★ "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" (1982) Burt Reynolds.						★★ "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" (1982) Burt Reynolds.			
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		One Year Later: The Week That Shook the World (Live)				Banking on Geithner		Mad Money		Fast Money		Banking on Geithner		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	Bill Engvall		Daily Show	Colbert	Scrubs	Scrubs	Gabriel Iglesias: Hot-Fluffy		Futurama	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Michael	Michael	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Atom TV
CSPAN	(5:00) House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	MythBusters		Rampage!		Gang Wars: Oakland I (N)		Machines of Malice		Rampage!		Gang Wars: Oakland I		Machines of Malice		A Haunting "Hell House"	
DISNEY	Phineas-Ferb	Zack & Cody	Wizards	Montana	"Homeward Bound: Incredible Journey"			Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Montana	Wizards	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	Christina Aguilera: THS		E! News (N)	The Daily 10	E! Investigates: Stalkers		The Girls Next Door		Soup	Soup	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Kendra	Soup	Soup	Girls	Chelsea
ESPN	Monday Night Countdown		NFL Football Buffalo Bills at New England Patriots. (Live)						(:15) NFL Football San Diego Chargers at Oakland Raiders. (Live)							SportsCenter (Live)		
ESPNC	Dragster	Dragster	SportsCentury		Boxing		NBA Basketball: 1997 Finals Game 1 -- Jazz at Bulls				AWA Wrestling		American Gladiators		Boxing	Boxing	Boxing	Boxing
ESPN2	Horn	Interruption	2009 World Series of Poker		2009 World Series of Poker		2009 World Series of Poker		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter (Live)		Baseball Tonight		NFL Films	College Football: Gamecocks at Bulldogs		
EWTN	Vatican	Unlocking	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Letter-Spirit	Holy Rosary	Abundant Life		The World Over		Solemn High Mass on the Feast of the Holy Cross				Angelica Live	
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Paula's Best	Minute	Challenge		Good Eats	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	World Poker		Best Damn Top 50 Special		Golden Age	Reloaded	Sport Science		Top 50	Final Score	NFL Players	Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Final Score	Final Score	World Poker	
FX	(5:30) ★★ "Ghost Rider" (2007, Action) Nicolas Cage.				★★★ "Gridiron Gang" (2006) The Rock. A counselor turns juvenile criminals into football players.							★★ "In Too Deep" (1999) Omar Epps, LL Cool J.				'70s Show	Paid Prog.	Comfort
GOLF	Golf Central	Top 10	Learning	Lessons	The Golf Fix	Top 10	Golf Videos	Haney	Lessons	Learning	The Golf Fix	Golf Central	Golf Videos	Haney	Lessons	Learning	The Golf Fix	Golf
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lingo	Millionaire	Catch 21	Newlywed	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Touched by an Angel		Touched by an Angel		Touched by an Angel		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	To Sell	Big Amazing	House	House	Property	Property	House	First Place	House	For Rent	Unsellable	First Place	Property	Property	House	First Place	House	For Rent
HIST	Modern Marvels "Walt Disney World"				The Templar Code				Clash of the Gods (N)		Decoding the Past		The Templar Code				Clash of the Gods	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Medium "Sweet Dreams"		Medium "Dead Aim"		Army Wives (N)		Drop Dead Diva		Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Will & Grace	Grey's Anatomy		Paid Prog.
MSNBC	The Ed Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show	
MTV	Parental	Parental	VMA '09 Pre Show Arrivals.		2009 MTV Video Music Awards Host Russell Brand.				True Life (N)		Best Dance Crew		True Life		Fantasy	Beatdown	Nitro Circus	Pranked
NICK	iCarly	Jackson	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Glenn Martin	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Hates Chris	Hates Chris
OXY	(5:00) America's Got Talent		America's Got Talent		Naughty	★★★ "Steel Magnolias" (1989) Sally Field, Dolly Parton.					Naughty	★★★ "Steel Magnolias" (1989) Sally Field, Dolly Parton.					Naughty	Snapped
PCN	PCN Tours		PCN Call-In (Live)		PCN Primetime - pcntv.com				PCN Evening - pcntv.com				PCN Late Night - pcntv.com				Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Pittsburgh Now		News	Your Mind	NightTalk		PCNC News		NightTalk		Pittsburgh	Fedko Fone	PCNC News	PCNC News		Paid Prog.	NightTalk	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		UFC 103 Countdown		(:03) UFC Fight Night				(:07) UFC 75: Champion vs. Champion							Videos	Disorderly Conduct: Video	
SYFY	Stargate SG-1		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Gundam 00	Gundam 00	Rave Master	Rave Master	Lost "Born to Run"		The X-Files "Colony"	
TBS	Raymond	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Seinfeld	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	★ "Son-in-Law" (1993) Pauly Shore, Carla Gugino.				Steve Harvey
TCM	(5:45) ★★★ "Tom Thumb" (1958)			Elvis Mitchell	★★★ "Yentl" (1983, Musical) Barbra Streisand, Mandy Patinkin.					★★★ "The Way We Were" (1973) Barbra Streisand.				(:45) ★★★★ "Funny Girl" (1968) Barbra Streisand, Omar Sharif.				
TLC	What Not to Wear "Amber"		Dress	Dress	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Ultimate Cake Off (N)		Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Ultimate Cake Off		Dress	Dress
TNT	Bones		Bones		Bones		The Closer "Red Tape"		The Closer "Live Wire"		Raising the Bar		Raising the Bar		CSI: NY		Cold Case	
TOON	"Scooby-Doo!"		Super Hero	Super Hero	Teen Titans	Johnny Test	Bobb'e Says	Dude	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Hungerforce	The Oblongs	Home	King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAVEL	Anthony Bourdain		Bridget's Sexiest Beaches		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain	
TRUTV	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Bait Car (N)	Bait Car (N)	Oper. Repo	Oper. Repo	Oper. Repo	Oper. Repo	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Oper. Repo	Forensic
TVLAND	Little House on the Prairie		Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Roseanne		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	NCIS "Lost & Found"		NCIS "Head Case"		NCIS "Family Secret"		WWE Monday Night Raw (Live)				"Borat: Cultural Learnings of America"				(:05) Monk		"Borat: Cultural Learnings"	
VH1	TO Show	TO Show	Real Chance of Love		Real Chance of Love		Real Chance of Love		Eddie Griffin	Real Chance of Love		Eddie Griffin	Behind the Music		Real Chance of Love		Eddie Griffin	Tool Acad
VS.	Beach Volleyball		Sports	Sports Soup	★★ "Blue Chips" (1994, Drama) Nick Nolte, Mary McDonnell.					★★ "Blue Chips" (1994, Drama) Nick Nolte, Mary McDonnell.					World Extreme Cagefighting			
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Bling on the Bride		Beach Weddings	
WGN	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	Star Trek: Next Gener.		The Bob & Tom Show	
ENC	Cutting Edge	(:20) ★★ "Spaceballs" (1987)			★★ "Weekend at Bernie's" (1989)			(:40) ★★ "Mad Money" (2008) Diane Keaton.				★★★★ "The Great Escape" (1963, War) Steve McQueen, James Garner.						Other Boleyn
HBO	Be Kind	★ "Dude, Where's My Car?" (2000)			Real Time With Bill Maher		★★ "Pride and Glory" (2008) Edward Norton.				Mayweather	(:45) ★★ "Semi-Pro" (2008, Comedy) Will Ferrell.				Cathouse	(1:50) ★ "The Hunted"	
MAX	Boomerang	★★ "The X-Files: I Want to Believe"			(:15) ★★★ "Joy Ride" (2001) Steve Zahn.				★★ "Body of Lies" (2008) Leonardo DiCaprio.				(12:10) "Zane's Sex Chronicles" (2009)				★★ "Running Scared" (2006)	
SHOW	(:15) "Lower Learning" (2008) Jason Biggs. iTV.				Kevin Nealon		Californ	Californ	Californ	Californ	★★ "Kalifornia" (1993) Brad Pitt, Juliette Lewis. iTV.				★★★★ "Gods and Monsters" (1998) Ian McKellen.			
STARZ	Not Easily	Crash 2	(:05) ★★ "High School Musical 3: Senior Year" (2008)				★★ "Made of Honor" (2008)			Crash 2	Crash		★★ "Final Destination" (2000)			Martin Lawrence Presents		Lawrence

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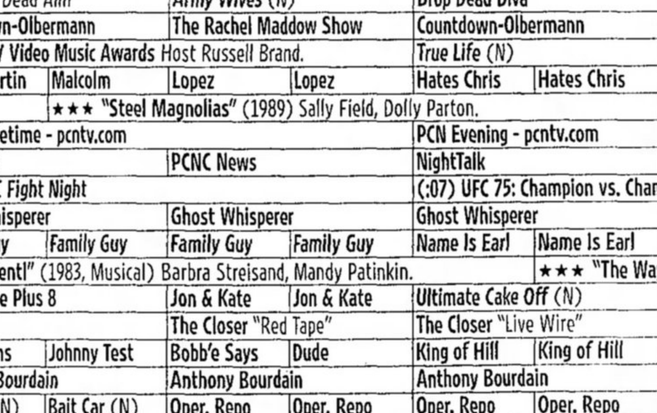

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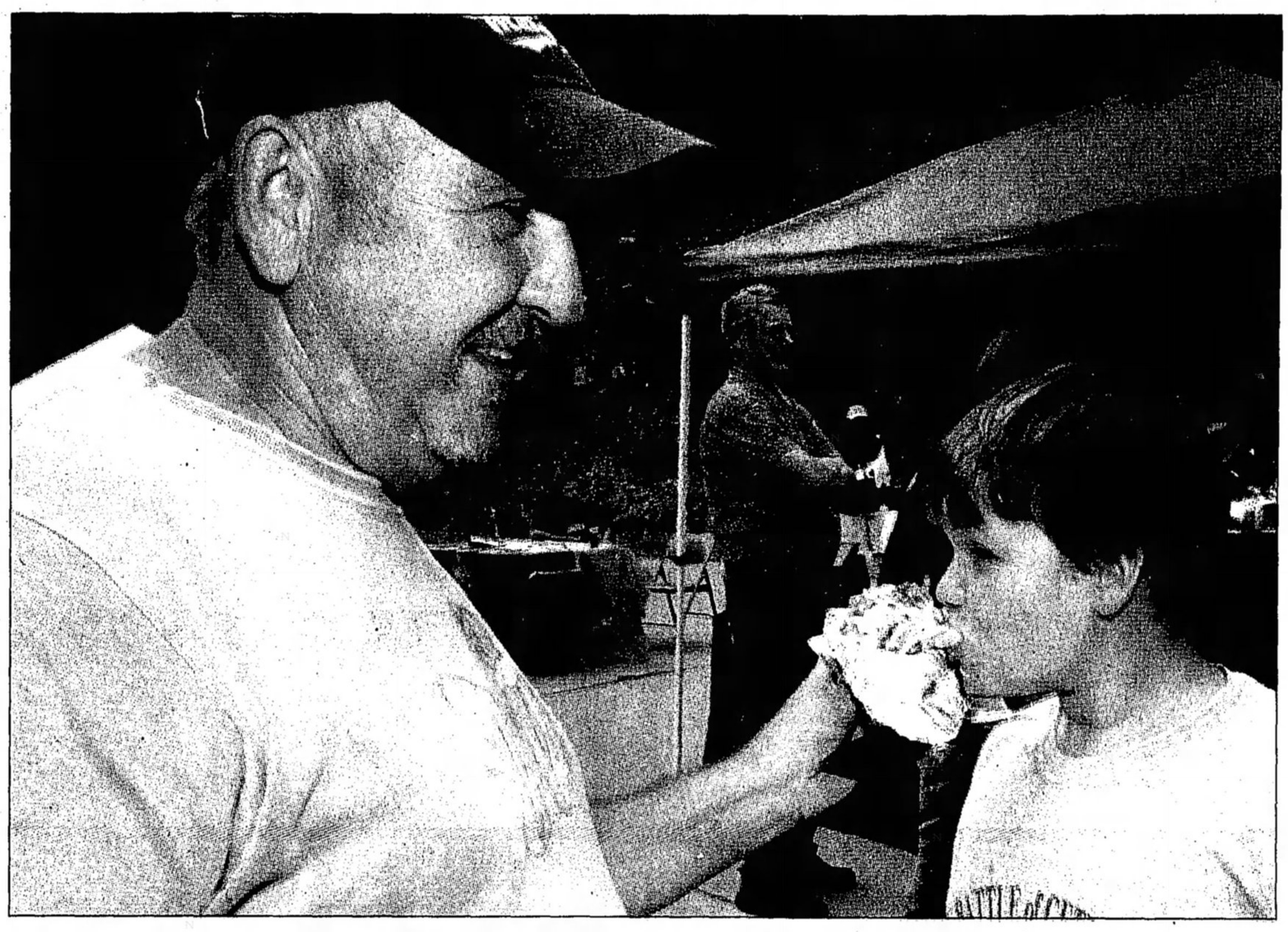
Crowds flock to Monessen Cultural Heritage Festival

A long tradition was renewed during the past weekend, when the annual Monessen Cultural Heritage Festival was staged along Parente Boulevard.

The three-day extravaganza, as always, featured ethnic food, music and other entertainment.

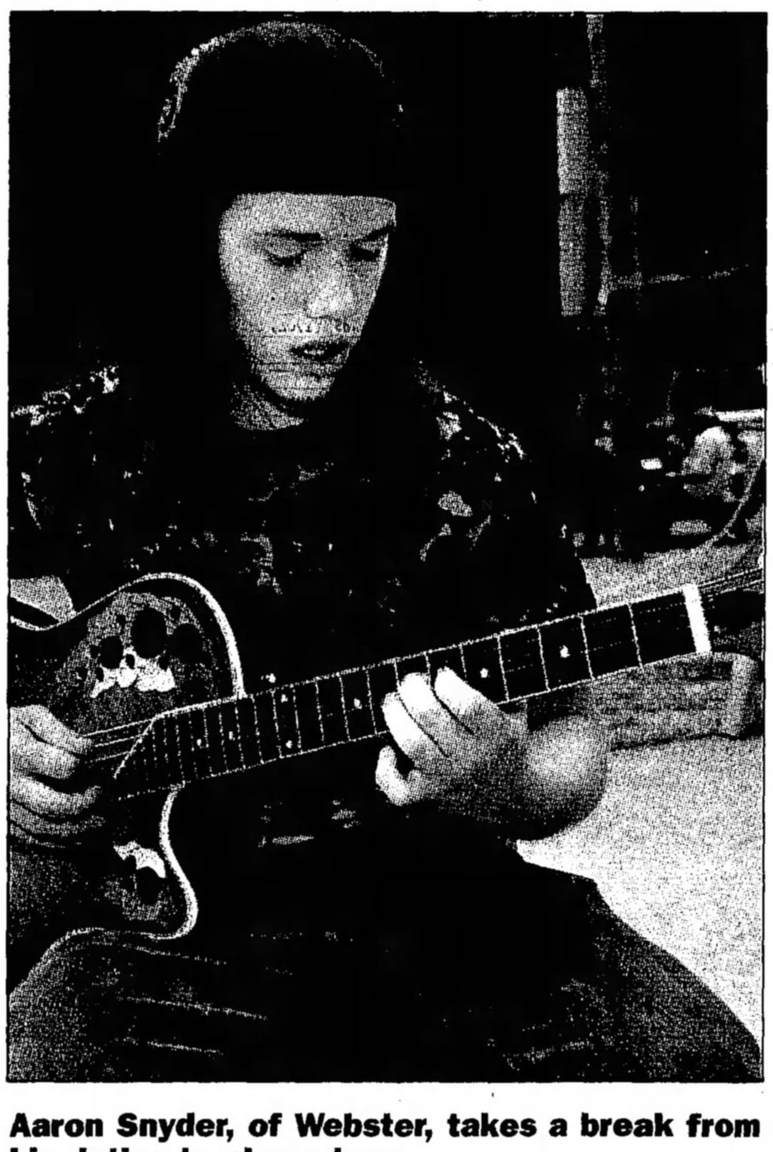
Mostly favorable weather conditions helped lure big crowds to the event to sample, among other things, gyros, haluski, kielbasa, sweet potato pie, pulled pork as well as favorites such as pizza, tacos, ribs and wings.



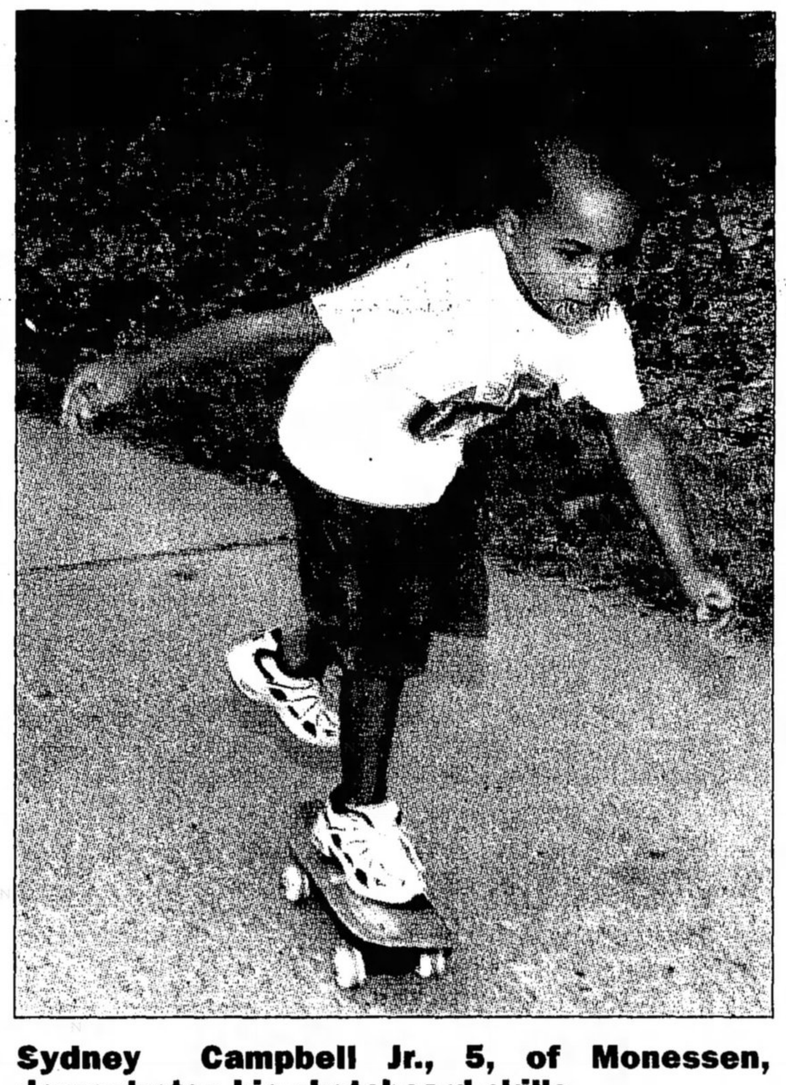
ABOVE - Ron Baron, left, helps 10-year-old Nick Baron, both of Monessen, eat a gyro.

RIGHT - Friends Gloria Hayes, of Monesen, left, and Flow Kott, of Belle Vernon, obviously enjoyed themselves at the festival.

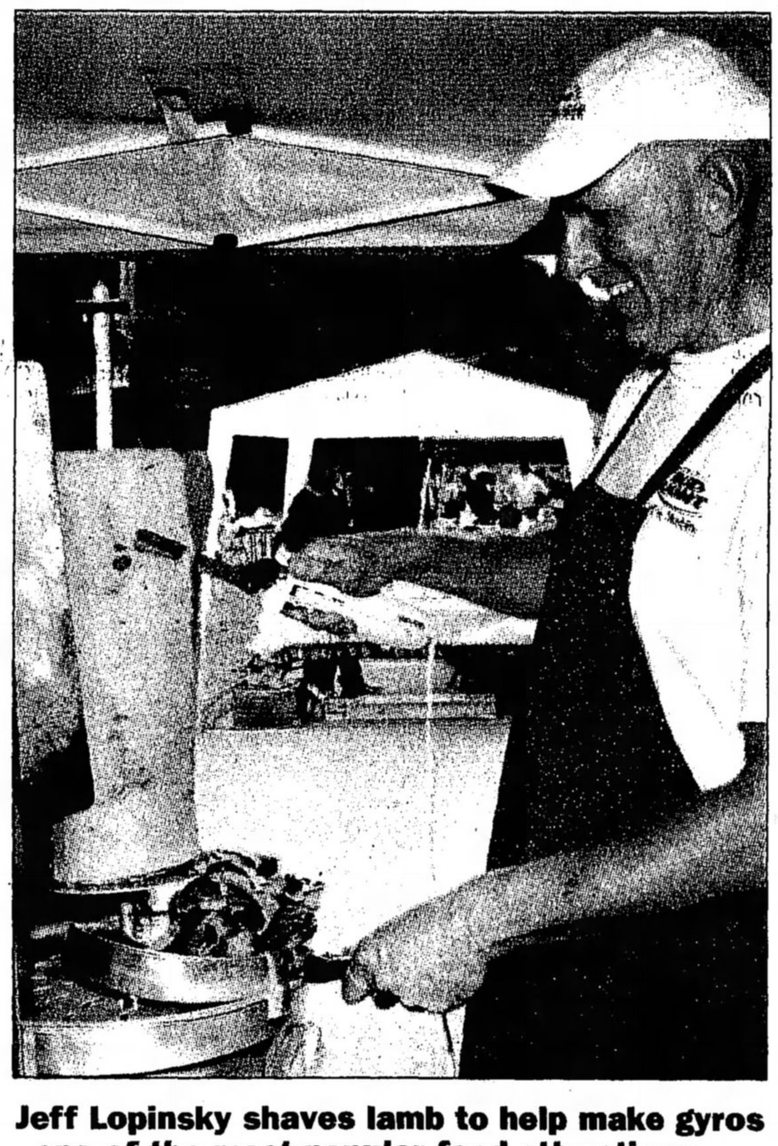
Photos by Jim Ference



Aaron Snyder, of Webster, takes a break from his duties to play a tune.

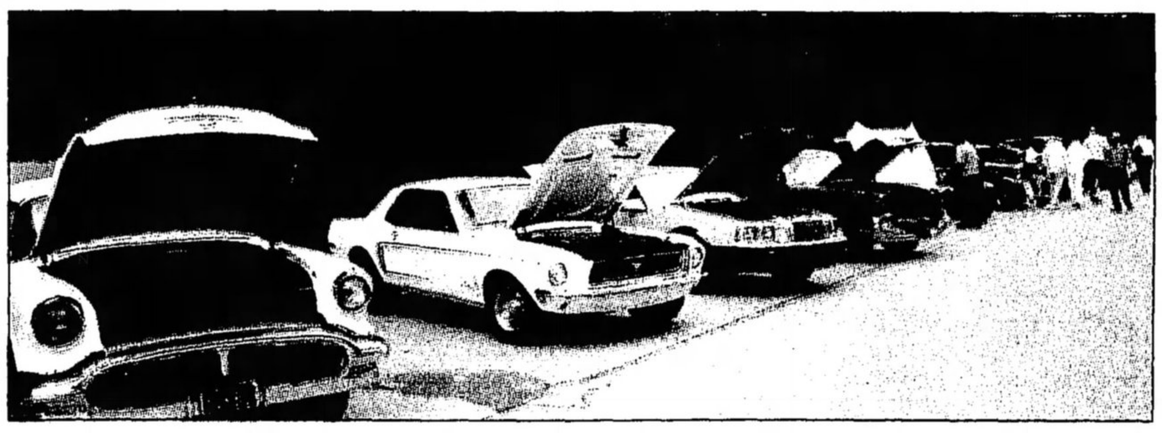


Sydney Campbell Jr., 5, of Monessen, demostrates his skateboard skills.



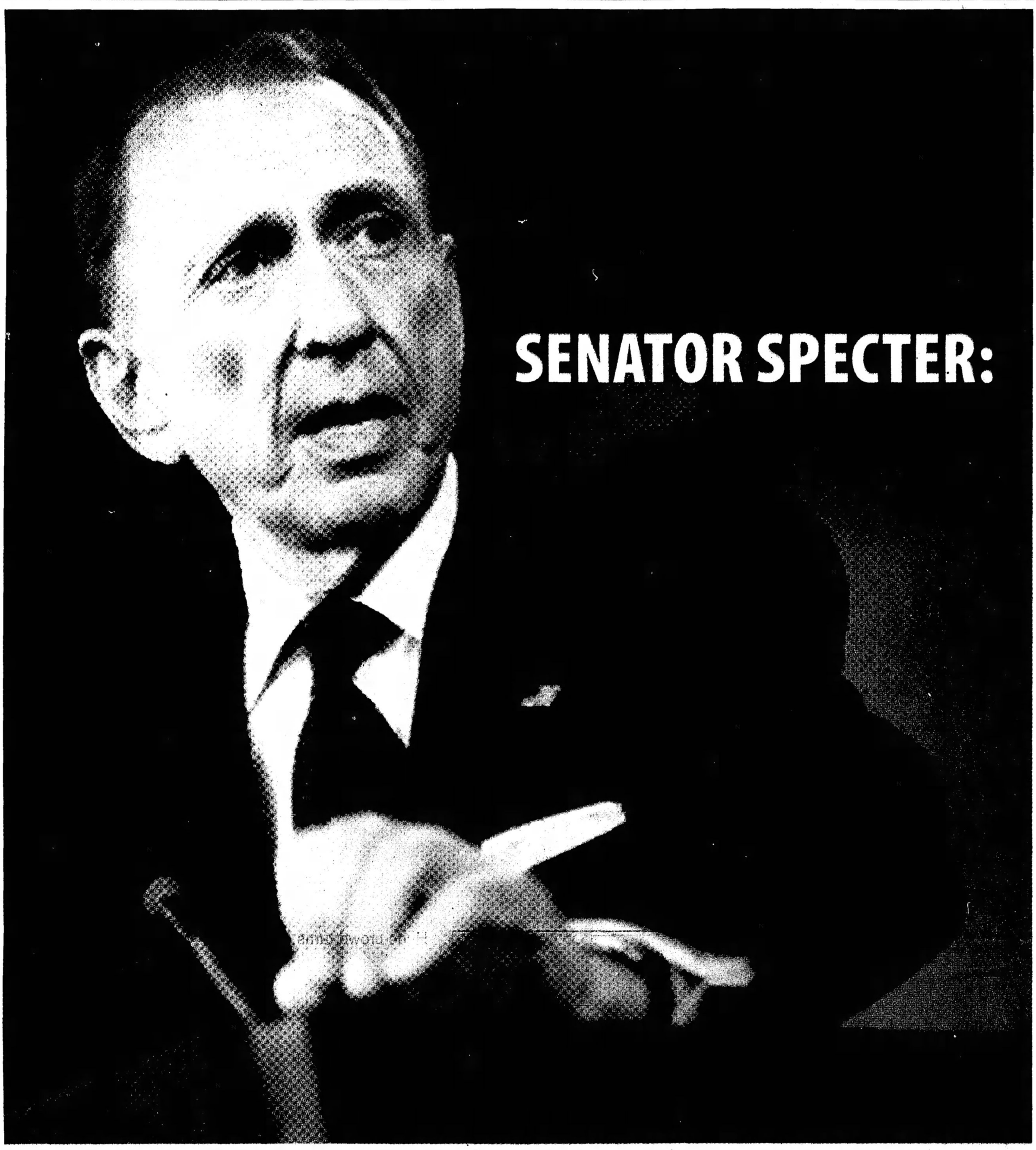
Jeff Lopinsky shaves lamb to help make gyros - one of the most popular food attractions.

Salvataion Army Capt. Michael Jung stirs up meatballs at the food tent sponsored by his organization.



ABOVE - Car shows are always popular in the Mid-Mon Valley.

BELOW - Bill and Lola Manus, of Monessen, left, join Frank Taravelle, of Belle Vernon, as they check out Frank's 1957 Plymouth.



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Mother of all victories

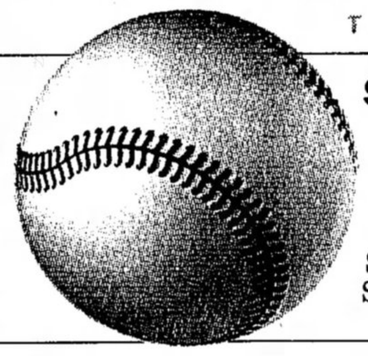
Kim Clijsters capped her comeback from retirement by winning the women's singles title at the U.S. Open. **2B**

Unlucky streak over

The Pirates picked up a 2-1 win in Houston Sunday to end their road losing streak at 13. **3B**

Sports Trivia

Tom Brady is one of four NFL quarterbacks to host "Saturday Night Live." Who are the other three? **2B**



Sunday's scores

Washington 7, Florida 2
Pittsburgh 2, Houston 1
Atlanta 9, St. Louis 2
Chicago Cubs 5, Cincinnati 2
San Diego 7, Colorado 3
San Francisco 7, L.A. Dodgers 2

Brian **HERMAN**

Price's fate up to school board

Will Lloyd Price be coaching Ringgold's football team . Friday when the Rams make Joe Montana Stadium debut against Southmoreland?

The question won't be answered until Wednesday's school board meeting in an executive session.

Price, the school' s athletic director and first-year football coach, was suspended for last week's contest at Albert Gallatin for insubordination.

According to an unofficial source, Price was suspended for coming to the defense of a couple of his players for a hazing incident.

Price had no comment when asked about the issue and suspension.

The entire Ringgold football team is expected to show up at the school board meeting.

Matt Humbert, one of Price's former California University teammates, served as the Rams' head coach in their 31-28 win at Albert Gallatin.

At 26, Price is one of the younger coaches in the WPIAL. He inherited the WPIAL's most inexperienced team this season with only one returning starter.

■ California High's first football game on its new field has been delayed.

It won't be Friday against West Greene in the Trojans' Tri-County South Conference opener as originally scheduled.

With the field still not ready, the Trojans will face the Pioneers Friday at California University's Adamson Stadium. California's won't make its official home debut until Oct. 2 against Mapletown.

After that, the Trojans will have only two other home games — against Carmichaels Oct. 9 and Jefferson-Morgan Oct. 23 — unless they make the playoffs as either the conference champ or runner-up.

■ For the third straight year, Monessen doesn't have a middle school football program. The reason is a lack of players, as was the case the previous two campaigns.

■ The Pittsburgh Phantoms of the American Basketball Association, who will play their home games at Court Time in Elizabeth, hope to name their coach by next week.

John Ashalou, who was expected to land the post, ended up getting a job with the East Carolina basketball program. Ashalou is the older brother of Sam Ashalou, the most seriously injured of five Duquesne University cagers who were shot on campus in 2006.

The Phantoms have signed three players: Connellsville's James Hairtson, Valley's Brice Flenory and Fox Chapel's Brian Urso. West Mifflin's Quinton Davis was supposed to sign Sunday but failed to show up, saying his car broke down.

General manager Bill Miller heard the same story when Steel Valley's Kevin Menifee was supposed to be the first signee.

■ And thanks to Valerie Stitch, of North Charleroi , who says if you put off till tomorrow what can be done today, someone may invent a machine to do it!

NFL roundup

Brees blows away Lions

Saints' quarterback tosses six touchdown passes in 45-27 victory.

By The Associated Press

Brett Favre returned from yet another retirement, feeling healthy and happy in his Minnesota Vikings debut.

"I had a blast," Favre said after helping the Vikings beat the Cleveland Browns 34-20 on Sunday. "It wasn't a 400-yard passing game, but it doesn't have to be. As long as we win, that's what it's all about."

At New Orleans, Drew Brees had a record-tying performance for the Saints, and still wasn't satisfied. He tied a team record with six touchdown passes and threw for 358 yards in a 45-27 victory that extended the Detroit Lions' regular-season losing streak to 18.

"Unfortunately, you always think about the ones that got away," said Brees, who shares a franchise mark set by Billy Kilmer in 1969. "There was probably one or two more that we left out there. That's what keeps you coming back."

At Cleveland, Favre threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to rookie Percy Harvin, and Adrian Peterson scored three touchdowns. Making his 270th consecutive start after a will-he-or-won't-he flirtation that dominated NFL headlines this summer after a season with the Jets, the 39-year-old Favre showed he can still fire the football with authority — and hasn't lost his boyish love for the game.

After hooking up with Harvin, Favre sprinted into the end zone and tackled the young wide receiver.

"I thought we were going to bump chests or something," Harvin said. "He wasn't slowing down. I took it and we fell to the ground. It was a great feeling."

Peterson scored on a pair of 1-yard plunges and capped his day with an electrifying 64-yarder. Peterson, held to 25 yards in the first half, finished with 180 on 25 carries.

Favre was 14 of 21 for 110 yards and appeared to be fully recovered from offseason surgery to repair a torn biceps tendon.

"For him to be that old — he's got a daughter my age — and still has a love for the game, going to meetings and all that stuff," Harvin said. "He's by himself."

Two of Brees' TD passes went to Jeremy Shockey, who hadn't scored since being traded from the New York Giants to New Orleans last season. Mike Bell rushed for a career-high 143 yards.

No. 1 overall draft pick Matthew Stafford was 16 of 37 for 205 yards with three interceptions. He led two touchdown drives, capping one with his first NFL score on a short keeper. Lions safety Louis Delmas also returned a fumble for a 65-yard touchdown.

Detroit is still eight losses off the NFL record of 26 straight defeats by Tampa Bay in 1976-77.

"Good gracious. What wouldn't disappoint me?" new Detroit coach Jim Schwartz said. "Points allowed, third-down defense, red zone defense, rushing," he said.

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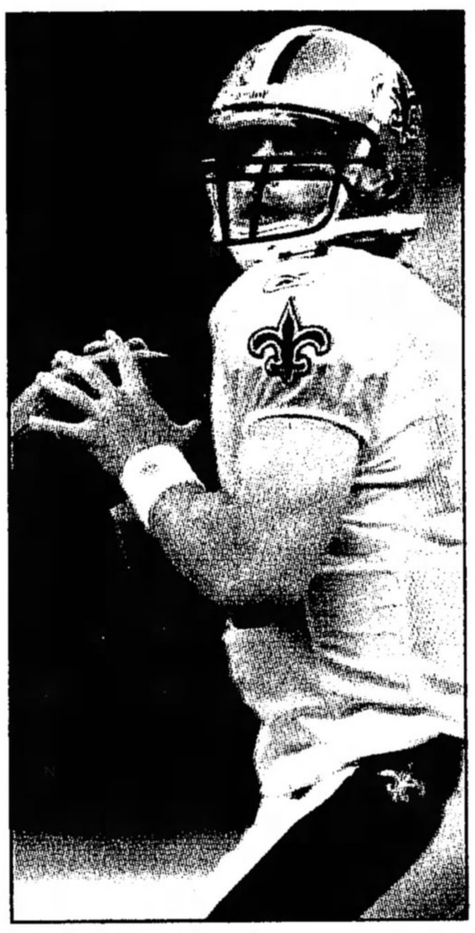
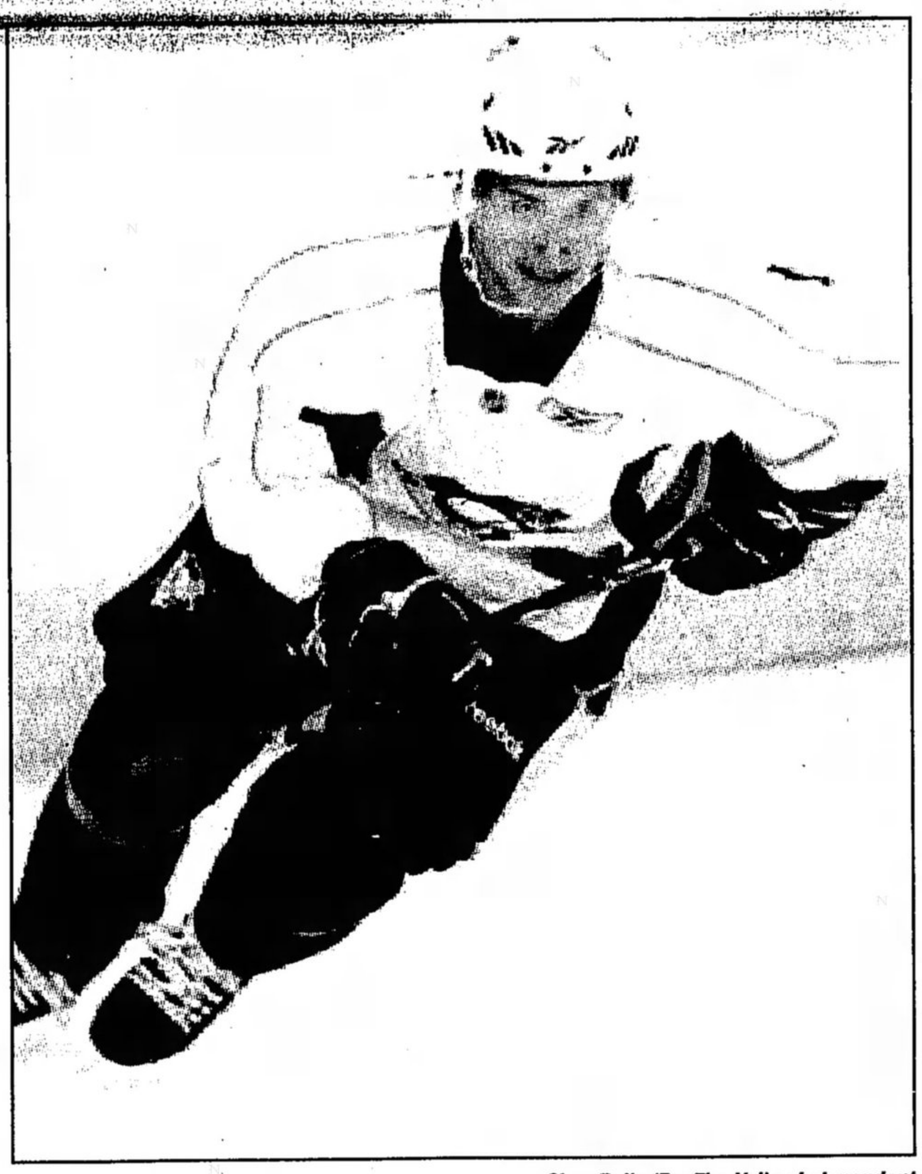


Drew Brees

Kennedy opens on Malkin's line



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Tyler Kennedy hopes to improve his production this season. He began practice as part of a line with Evgeni Malkin and Ruslan Fedotenko.

Huge crowd turns out to watch the Stanley Cup champions' first practice.

By ROB ROSSI
For The Valley Independent

At least 4,000 fans watched the Stanley Cup champions' first training camp practice Sunday morning at Mellon Arena, and the Pittsburgh Penguins faithful clearly were only in preseason form.

Otherwise, echoes of "Kennedy!" would have filled the Igloo when right wing Tyler Kennedy opened his Group A session by picking (and hitting with sharp shots) corners of nets during early drills.

"Well, I was shooting into an open net," Kennedy said, with a customary deadpan delivery. "It wasn't like I was actually scoring."

Oh, but score Kennedy did. He opened camp skating on a line centered by Evgeni Malkin, the National Hockey League's leading scorer last season and two-time MVP runner-up. Malkin was flanked to his left by winger Ruslan Fedotenko and his right by Kennedy, who will enter his third season with only 25 goals in 122 regular-season games.

If Kennedy's offensive numbers appear not to justify his camp-starting slot on the Penguins' second scoring line, consider how he compares to forward Max Talbot, who scored seven of his eight playoff goals in 16 games after replacing since-departed right wing Petr Sykora on the line.

"Tenacity is the similarity," head coach Dan Bylsma said of comparisons between Kennedy and Talbot, who is out until at least mid-November after offseason surgery on his left shoulder. "If you can add some grit on the puck, some forechecking presence and a puck pursuit presence on that line — that's what Max was doing for Fedotenko and 'Geno' on that line."

Kennedy, who impressed Penguins brass two years ago with a combination of speed and feistiness in training camp, spent almost the entirety of last season as the right wing on a line with center Jordan Staal and left wing Matt Cooke. That unit thrived when Bylsma replaced former coach Michel Therrien Feb. 15, combining for 18 goals and 44 points with a plus-29 rating in 25 games.

Another way to look at it: In the final 30 percent of the regular season, components of the Penguins' third line, whose chief responsibility was to shut down top opposing units, produced 36 percent of their goals and 38 percent of their points.

Breaking them up should seem hard to do, but Staal feels Kennedy is ready for his opportunity to play with Malkin. More important, though, is Staal's comfort with Kennedy's third-line replacement, winger Pascal Dupuis.

"He's become a smarter player ...

(See KENNEDY, Page 3B)

Blocked punt sparks Cal U in victory at West Chester

Rontez Miles makes huge special teams play in Vulcans' first win.

California University's football team didn't get off to a good start at No. 21 West Chester Saturday.

The Vulcans spotted the Golden Rams a 10-0 lead and the offense showed six yards and minus 10 yards in their first two possessions.

It wasn't an indication of things to come.

Sparked by freshman Rontez Miles' blocked punt which he turned into a 25-yard touchdown, the Vulcans rallied for a 30-23 victory.

Trailing 13-7 in the second quarter, California (1-2) went ahead to stay 27-12 on Josh Portis' 11-yard touchdown pass to A.J. Jackson following Portis' 35-yard scoring toss to Chedrick Cherry in the second period.

Portis finished 12 of 29 for 202 yards and one interception.

He was at his best in the third quarter when he completed six of nine for 104 yards and the touchdown to Jackson.

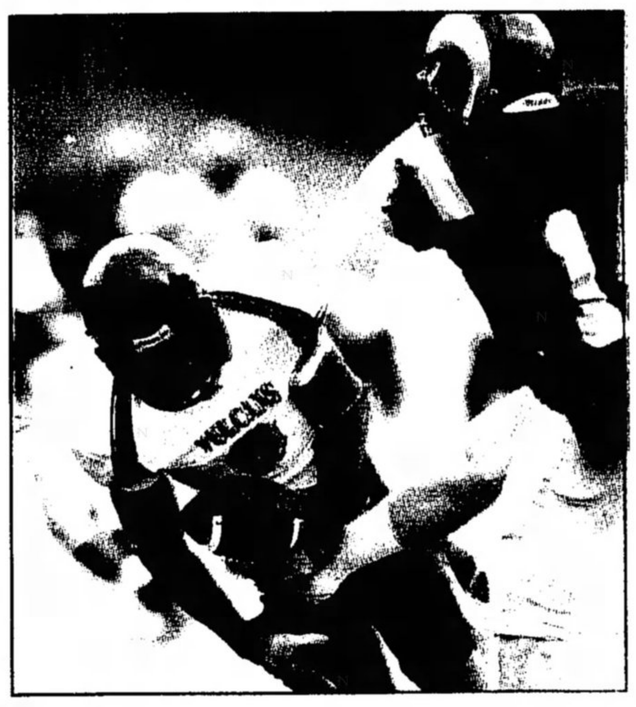
Freddie Bacco, who ran for 51 of Cal's 81 yards, scored the Vulcans' other touchdown on a 9-yard run in the third quarter.

Kevin Hagerman closed the Vulcans' scoring with a 230yard field in the fourth quarter.

Junior linebacker Anthony Roberts led the defense with a career-high 10 solo tackles with sophomore linebacker Brett Diamond adding nine tackles including five solos.

Diamond replaced Dontey Brown, who left with a leg injury in the first quarter after making seven tackles.

Cal opens PSAC West play Saturday against Gannon at noon at Adamson Stadium.



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California's Rontez Miles blocked Chris Hill's punt Saturday and returned it 25 yards for a touchdown.

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Track official to support Semenya

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — South Africa's top track official is returning to the board of international athletics governing body to fight for Caster Semenya, the runner whose gender has been questioned.

Athletics South Africa announced Sunday that its president, Leonard Chuene, was rejoining the board of the International Association of Athletics Federations. Chuene has accused the IAAF of humiliating the women's 800-meter world champion and violating its privacy rules in its handling of her case.

The decision indicates an easing in strained relations between ASA and the IAAF. The IAAF would have to work through Chuene's group to contact the 18-year-old about the results of her tests.

Bolt captures 200 meters at World Athletics final

THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP) — Usain Bolt cruised to another victory in the 200 meters at the World Athletics final Sunday, and American sprinter Carmelita Jeter became the third fastest woman ever by clocking 10.67 seconds in the 100.

Bolt finished in 19.68 in his last race of the season, coming fast out of the bend as usual but relaxing toward the end. Wallace Spearmon of the United States was second in 20.21 and Brendan Christian of Antigua was third in 20.65.

The Olympic and world champion Bolt said he will next return to Jamaica to celebrate his two world records in the 100 and 200 from last month's worlds in Berlin.

"Then I'll probably have a vacation somewhere, and just chill until training starts again in November," Bolt said.

Tennis champ Jack Kramer dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jack Kramer, a tennis champion in the 1940s and '50s and a promoter of the sport for more 60 years, died at his home in Los Angeles, his family said. He was 88.

Kramer died late Saturday from a soft tissue cancer that was diagnosed in July, according to his son Bob Kramer.

Kramer won the Wimbledon men's singles title in 1947 and the men's U.S. Championships, the forerunner of the U.S. Open, in 1946 and '47. He also won seven other Grand Slam titles in doubles, all at Wimbledon or the U.S. Championships. Kramer was the No. 1 player in the world for much of the late 1940s.

After his retirement in 1954, Kramer worked as a tireless promoter of the sport. He was a founder of the Association of Tennis Professionals and served as its first executive director. In 1973, he led ATP's principled boycott of Wimbledon, which helped players gain more control of their own careers from national tennis associations.

Mariners' Ichiro sets record with 200th hit

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ichiro Suzuki became the first player in major league history with at least 200 hits in nine straight seasons.

The Seattle Mariners' right fielder set the mark with an infield single in the second inning of the nightcap of doubleheader against the Texas Rangers. In his second at-bat of the game, Suzuki beat out a slow roller to shortstop Elvis Andrus to break a tie with Willie Keeler, who had 200 hits in eight consecutive seasons starting in 1894.

Suzuki received a standing ovation from the sparse crowd, stepping off first base and doffing his batting helmet to thank the fans. In the first game, Suzuki went 1 for 4 with an RBI double into the left-field corner in the third to come within one of the record.

Sharks complete deal for Heatley

UNDATED (AP) — The San Jose Sharks made the big move that has been expected ever since their best regular season ended with a first-round playoff exit, acquiring disgruntled winger Dany Heatley from the Ottawa Senators on Saturday.

The Sharks gave up Milan Michalek, Jonathan Cheechoo and a second-round pick to acquire Heatley, who had been involved in a lingering dispute with the Senators because he felt he was not being properly used by the team.

Ottawa also sent San Jose a fifth-round draft pick. The long-rumored trade came on the opening day of training camp for Ottawa and ends a clash that has overshadowed the Senators in recent months.

Americans claim third straight Walker Cup

ARDMORE, Pa. (AP) — Nearly 80 years after Bobby Jones accepted a winner's trophy on the first fairway at Merion's East Course, the victorious U.S. Walker Cup team left its mark on the venerable club.

The Americans won their third straight Walker Cup on Sunday, building a six-point advantage after the morning alternate-shot matches and claiming five singles matches and halving another for a 16 1/2-9 1/2 victory over Great Britain and Ireland.

Trivia answer

Fran Tarkenton in 1977, Joe Montana in 1987 and Peyton Manning in 2007.

Mother's day at U.S. Open

Kim Clijsters captures women's title after ending retirement.

By RACHEL COHEN
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Someday Kim Clijsters will show her daughter the pictures — Jada pointing at herself on the giant video boards, scampering around the court and leaning over to touch the trophy.

The 18-month-old is too young to remember her mother's unforgettable run at the U.S. Open.

Clijsters came into her third tournament after 2 1/2 years of retirement just hoping to ease herself back into the experience of competing at a Grand Slam.

Instead, the Belgian beat five of the top 18 players in the world to become the first unseeded player to win the Open when she defeated No. 9 seed Caroline Wozniacki 7-5, 6-3 on Sunday night.

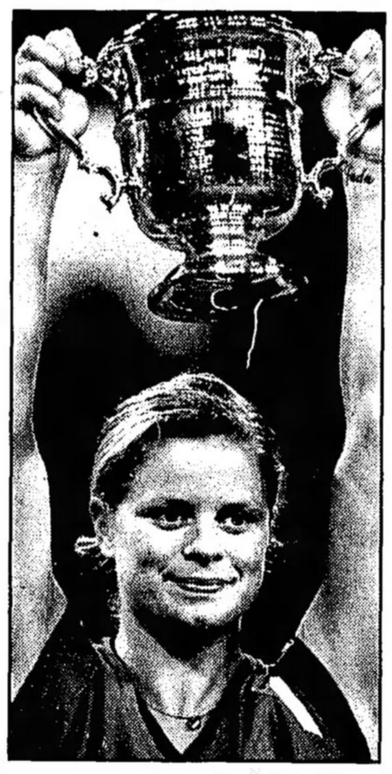
"It's a great feeling to have, but it's confusing in a lot of ways, as well," Clijsters said. "It went so quickly, everything."

No mother had captured a major since Evonne Goolagong Cawley in 1980 at Wimbledon.

"I was so very excited to hear that Kim won, and I'm so happy for her," Goolagong Cawley, who won Wimbledon three years after having daughter Kelly, told The Associated Press today. "Go Moms."

Rain delayed her semifinal against Serena Williams, then that match ended abruptly Saturday night in a very different kind of storm: Williams' tirade at a linesperson after a foot fault call resulted in a penalty that decided the final point of the match.

On Sunday, Williams was fined $10,000, and more punishment could follow from a broader investigation.



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Kim Clijsters holds her trophy after winning the women's championship at the U.S. Open Sunday.

The ending left Clijsters stunned instead of celebrating her stellar play. But the break from tennis and motherhood have left the 26-year-old wiser than the last time she played the Open — when she won her lone previous major title in 2005.

"Because I've become a lot more understanding of myself, you know how to deal with it when different emotions come up," Clijsters said.

Lacking motivation, disheartened by a series of injuries, and yearning to start a family, Clijsters had retired. She didn't think about competitive tennis until she started training again at the start of the year.

"She's playing because she thinks it's fun and because she likes it," Wozniacki said. "I really think she might be a better player now than she was before."

What if somebody had called her in the hospital after Jada was born and told her she'd be back playing tennis in 18 months?

"I would have gone, 'Click,'" Clijsters said, laughing as she pantomimed hanging up a phone.

Clijsters beat both Williams sisters along the way, matching them power shot for power shot, then showed she could endure the 19-year-old Dane's patient game.

Clijsters didn't have a ranking coming in because she hadn't played enough tournaments to get on the list. She'll come in at around No. 20 when the new rankings are released this week.

On Sunday, Jada took a nap a bit later than usual so she could stay awake for the match.

"Brian and I were a lot more nervous than she was," Clijsters said. "She just thought it was the most normal thing."

Roger Federer will try Monday to make it an all-parent championship. The new father faces Juan Martin del Potro as he seeks his sixth straight U.S. Open title.

Federer beat Novak Djokovic on Sunday with the help of what he called the greatest shot of his life: a between-the-legs, back-to-the-net, crosscourt winner from the baseline. A point later, with the crowd in hysterics and Djokovic still in shock, the world's top-ranked player closed out the victory, 7-6 (3), 7-5, 7-5.

The sixth-seeded Del Potro steamrolled No. 3 Rafael Nadal 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 earlier in the day to reach his first Grand Slam final.

"Right now, I'm pretty relaxed," Federer said. "We'll see how it goes when the sun comes up. I'd like to keep this going. It'd be great to get my first Grand Slam as a dad."

Tiger back on top in FedEx Cup

Eight-shot victory at BMW ends frustrating month for Woods.

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

LEMONT, Ill. — One of the slogans for the FedEx Cup is that "every shot counts," which proved meaningful even as Tiger Woods was well on his way to another blowout victory in the BMW Championship.

The outcome was never in doubt.

Woods took out a month of frustration on a Cog Hill course that had been refurbished with hopes of landing a U.S. Open. He broke the course record with a 62 in the third round to build a seven-shot lead, and he closed with a 3-under 68 to win by eight shots over Jim Furyk and Marc Leishman. Even the world's No. 1 player was surprised to learn it was his 10th victory on the PGA Tour by at least eight shots.

"You need to get hot on a tough track," Woods said.

Most compelling on Sunday was that even as Woods was cruising toward his sixth victory of the year to assure himself the No. 1 seed in the final tournament for the FedEx Cup, the pressure on the rest of the field became even greater.

The BMW Championship was the final playoff event to crack the top 30 in the standings and qualify for the Tour Championship in two week at East Lake in Atlanta, where the winner picks up a $10 million bonus.

A dozen players were sweating over every shot, and it showed.

■ Leishman, who advanced to Cog Hill with an eagle on his final hole a week earlier at TPC Boston, played bogey-free for a 69 and went from No. 67 to No. 16.

■ Ian Poulter, who was No. 30 going into the week, dunked his approach into the water on the final hole and made bogey. He finished out of the top 30 by less than half a point, the smallest margin in the three-year history of the series.

■ John Senden, realizing he was in range, hit a wedge from 90 yards that came up 40 yards short of the green. It was a shot rarely seen at Cog Hill even by the public customers who pay $140 for the privilege.

■ Senden still managed to get the 30th and final spot because Brandt Snedeker, knowing he needed only two putts from 12 feet to make bogey and qualify for the East Lake bonanza, took four putts instead. The last two didn't matter, and they were a product of being in shock over seeing his 3-foot bogey putt crash into the lip and spin out.

"I can't believe I did this," Snedeker said. "I just made a mess of it."

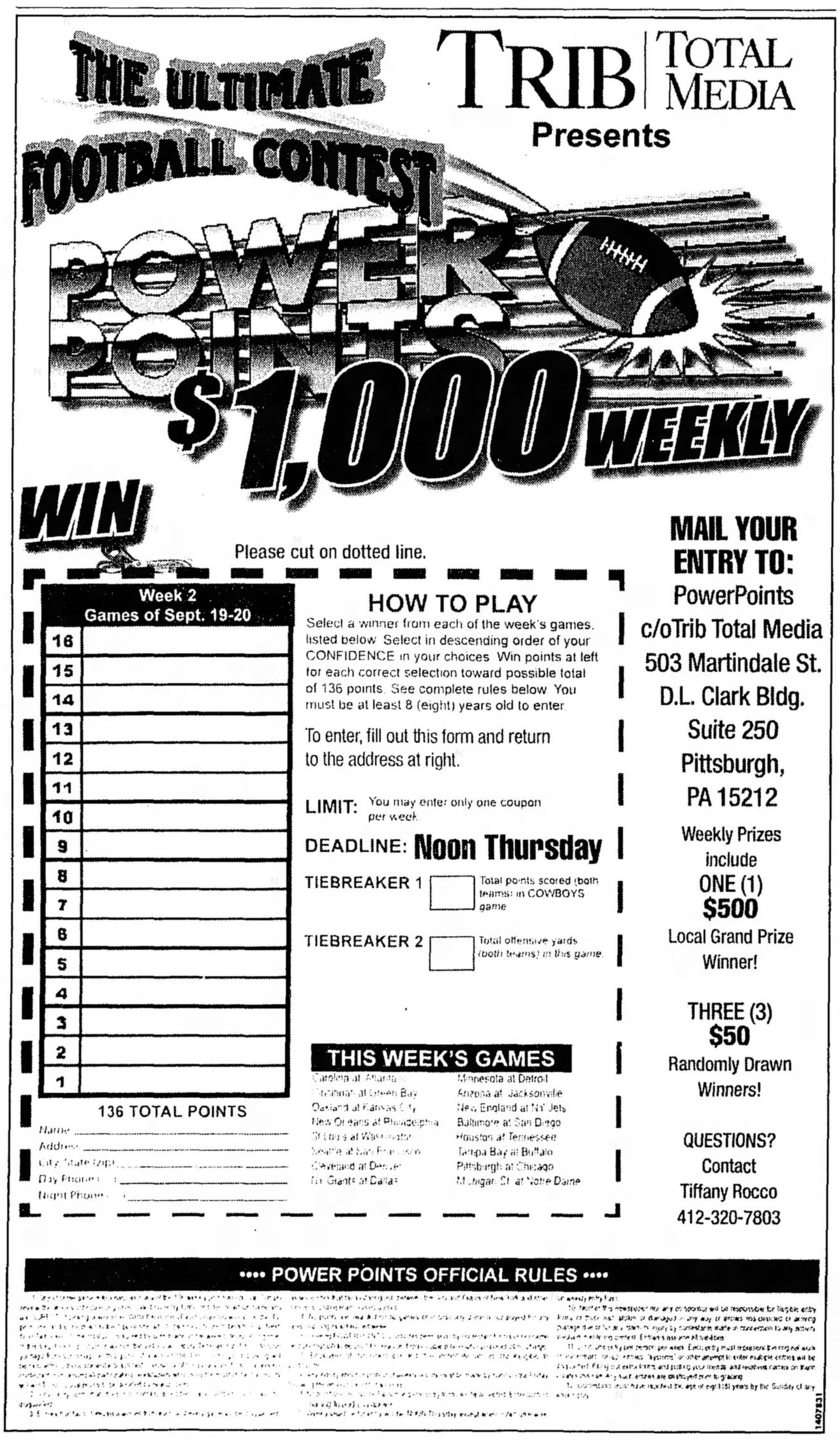
There were other swift changes, too, such as British Open champion Stewart Cink playing a four-hole stretch in 5 under to make sure he got into the top 30, and Jerry Kelly making a 10-foot birdie putt on his last hole to lock down a spot.

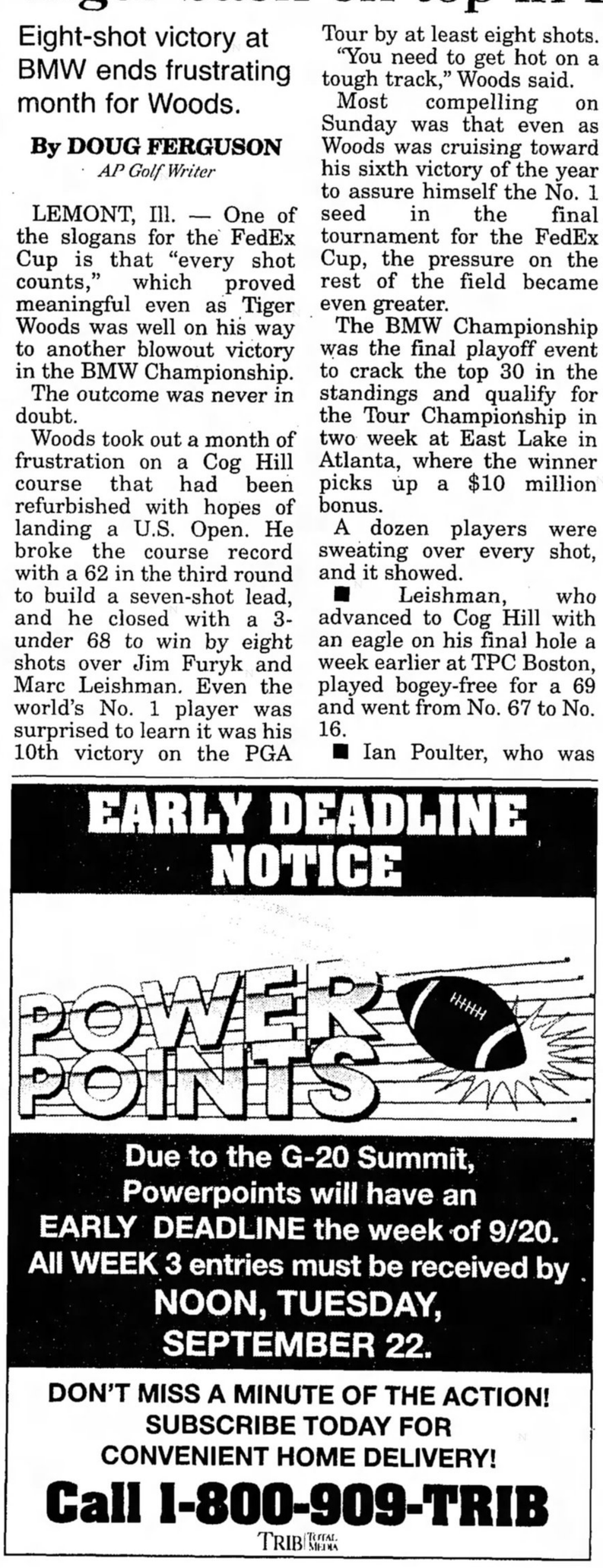
Furyk, the co-winner of the B-Flight at the BMW Championship, rarely had a runner-up mean so much. His 66 allowed him to jump 15 spots to No. 3.

Even so, it was Furyk who put this day in perspective.

He knows Woods well enough that a seven-shot lead was too much to overcome, yet Furyk allowed himself the ultimate "what if?" He saw that Woods had made a bogey on No. 5, and perhaps more would follow. Finally, Furyk asked his caddie if he knew Woods score. Mike "Fluff" Cowan told him Woods was 17 under, still seven shots ahead.

"I just started laughing," Furyk said.

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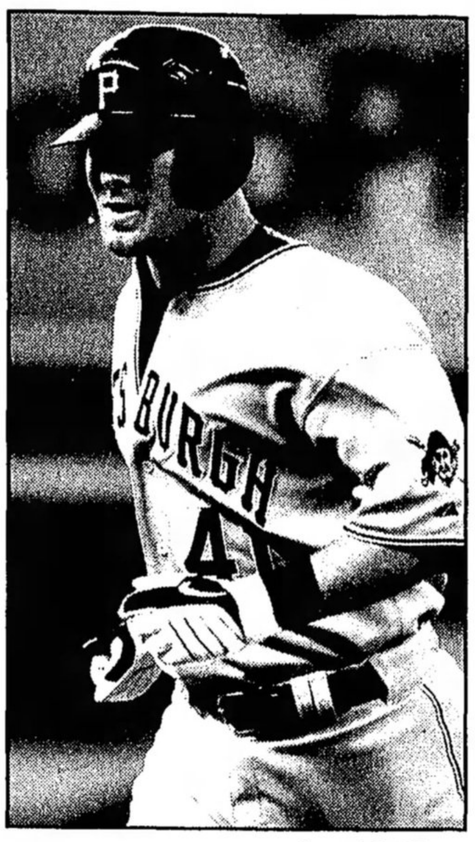
13-game road losing streak ends



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Ryan Doumit circles the bases after his solo homer in the eighth inning Sunday.

Sign-stealing accusations highlight ninth inning of 2-1 win in Houston.

HOUSTON (AP) — Whether he was stealing signs or not, Miguel Tejada certainly riled Pirates closer Matt Capps.

The two players had a brief verbal exchange Sunday after Capps thought Tejada and Houston first base coach Jose Cruz were trying to steal pitch signs in the ninth inning of Pittsburgh's 2-1 victory over the Astros.

"Just compete," Capps said. "You don't need to do any of that stuff. Those two have a thing going out there. I'm set and he's not even looking at me. That tells me all I need to know."

Tejada said he had no idea what Capps was talking about.

"I don't know what is going on," said Tejada, who popped out to shortstop against Capps with a runner on first base in the ninth. "I have no idea why a pitcher would mock a guy after getting him out. But I am going to find out why. I don't know what he said and I could not even understand what he said.

"I just made an out. That is the first time I have ever seen a guy mad, yelling at a guy for getting out."

Paul Maholm pitched eight shutout innings and Pittsburgh snapped a 13-game road losing streak.

Ryan Doumit homered and Garrett Jones had an RBI single for the last-place Pirates, who had dropped five in a row overall.

Maholm (8-8), who lost four of his previous five decisions, scattered six hits and two walks. He struck out two.

"I've been feeling good lately," Maholm said. "It just seems like one pitch here or one pitch there would kill me every time out.

"But today the defense picked me up. It was a lot of fun to sit back and watch them make plays."

Capps allowed Lance Berkman's leadoff homer in the ninth before earning his 25th save when Hunter Pence grounded into a game-ending double play. Capps hadn't pitched in a save situation since Aug. 27.

After walking his first batter, Maholm faced the minimum for four innings. He retired 11 of 12 — Humberto Quintero singled in the third but was thrown out trying to stretch it into a double.

"Overall, being able to throw my curveball and my other pitches, this was a good day," Maholm said. "It's the best I've felt with every pitch."

Tejada broke up the string by leading off the fifth with a single to left.

"Paul did a great job," Pirates manager John Russell said. "His sinker was really good and he was very efficient. He was just very sharp today."

Felipe Paulino (2-9) lost his fifth straight decision. He went five innings and allowed one run on six hits and a walk. He struck out six.

"I thought he pitched good," Houston manager Cecil Cooper said. "There must be some kind of jinx for Paulino. Again he goes out there and pitches, but doesn't get any run support. The first couple of innings, I thought he was a little erratic and had some deep counts. But after that, I thought he pitched really well."

Paulino, who hasn't won since beating Detroit on June 27, got in trouble early. Andrew McCutchen hit the first pitch of the game down the left-field line for a double. One out later, Jones' single to right gave Pittsburgh a 1-0 lead.

Doumit added his ninth homer in the eighth.

Berkman hit his 21st home run in the ninth. He was originally stopped at second until umpires conferred and ruled that the ball hit above the yellow line in left-center.

NOTES: The Pirates got 5-4-3 double plays in the seventh and eighth, and a 1-6-3 DP in the ninth to give them seven in the last four games. They have 151 this season. They were tied with St. Louis for the NL lead entering the game. ... The Pirates have been scored on in the first inning in six of their last seven games and 11 of 13. ... Lastings Milledge's outfield assist in the third inning gave the Pirates a major league-leading 39 for the season. That's the most since the team had 40 in 1991.

NFL (FROM PAGE ONE)

"There's no silver lining in that performance."

Broncos 12, Bengals 7

At Cincinnati, Brandon Stokley caught a tipped pass and outran the Bengals' shocked defenders for an 87-yard touchdown with 11 seconds left.

After Cedric Benson's 1-yard run put Cincinnati ahead 7-6 with 38 seconds left, Kyle Orton threw a desperate pass into a crowd at the sideline, hoping Brandon Marshall would somehow come down with it.

Marshall never got close. Cornerback Leon Hall batted the ball in the air, and the carom went right into the arms of Stokley, who was behind the defense and had a clear path to the end zone. He ran sideways for a few steps to eat up time before finally stepping into the end zone.

Eagles 38, Panthers 10

At Charlotte, N.C., Donovan McNabb limped to the locker room with a cracked rib, but it was a dominant performance by the Eagles thanks to Jake Delhomme's five turnovers.

Victor Abiamiri picked up Delhomme's fumble, caused by Trent Cole's sack, and plunged 2 yards for the go-ahead touchdown on the first play of the second quarter. Moments later, DeSean Jackson returned a punt 85 yards for a score, the second longest in franchise history. With suspended Michael Vick watching from a luxury suite, Kevin Kolb finished the game at quarterback.

Jets 24, Texans 7

At Houston, Mark Sanchez, the fifth overall pick, threw for 272 yards and a touchdown in his NFL debut, Thomas Jones scored twice, and the Jets shut down the Texans' high-powered offense.

It was easy to see Rex Ryan's stamp on this defense in his first game as Jets head coach after leading Baltimore's stingy unit for the past several years. The Texans were outgained 462-183, Steve Slaton was held to 17 yards rushing and Andre Johnson had 35 yards receiving.

Giants 23, Redskins 17

At East Rutherford, N.J., Eli Manning threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Mario Manningham, and defensive end Osi Umenyiora ran back a fumble 37 yards in his return from a knee injury.

Lawrence Tynes added three field goals, including a 45-yarder in the fourth quarter set up by an offside penalty by Redskins $100 million defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth, who had an average game in his Washington debut.

New York lost top draft pick receiver Hakeem Nicks with a sprained left foot and running back Danny Ware with a dislocated left elbow.

Packers 21, Bears 15

At Green Bay, Wis., Aaron Rodgers brought the Packers back late in the fourth quarter, heaving a 50-yard touchdown pass to Greg Jennings with 1:11 remaining.

Facing third-and-1 at the 50 yard line, Rodgers faked play action and heaved a rainbow of a throw deep to Jennings, who ran in for the go-ahead score. Rodgers found Jennings again for a 2-point conversion.

Rodgers finished 17 of 28 for 184 yards, and his big throw ruined the debut of Bears quarterback Jay Cutler, who had a career-worst four interceptions.

49ers 20, Cardinals 16

At Glendale, Ariz., Shaun Hill directed a 15-play, 80-yard drive for the winning touchdown on a 3-yard pass to Frank Gore, and San Francisco spoiled the season debut of defending NFC champion Arizona.

The Cardinals rallied from 10 points down to go up 16-13 on Neil Rackers' 44-yard field goal with 14:52 to play. But the 49ers regained control with the drive that used up nearly half of the final quarter.

It was the Cardinals' first loss to an NFC West foe in two seasons.

Seahawks 28, Rams 0

At Seattle, Matt Hasselbeck played his first game since Thanksgiving Day and overcame two early interceptions to connect with John Carlson for two touchdowns.

Hasselbeck finished 25 of 36 for 279 yards as Seattle beat its division rival for the ninth consecutive time with its biggest win to begin a season since a 38-0 victory over Philadelphia in 1998.

Ravens 38, Chiefs 24

At Baltimore, Joe Flacco went 26 for 43 for 307 yards and three touchdowns, all career highs, and the Ravens ruined the head coaching debut of Kansas City's Todd Haley. The Ravens amassed a franchise-record 501 yards, yet needed a 31-yard touchdown catch by Mark Clayton with 2:06 left to break a tie. Willis McGahee scored from the 1 with 31 seconds remaining to clinch it.

Cowboys 34, Buccaneers 21

At Tampa, Fla., Tony Romo threw for 353 yards and three long touchdowns, spoiling the Buccaneers' debut under coach Raheem Morris.

Miles Austin avoided two tacklers on the sideline to score on a 42-yard reception just before halftime. Roy Williams streaked through a mistake-prone secondary on a 66-yard TD play early in the third quarter.

Tampa Bay's Cadillac Williams, back after having surgery twice in 15 months, finished with 97 yards on 13 carries and scored a TD.

Falcons 19, Dolphins 7

At Atlanta, Falcons tight end Tony Gonzalez hauled in a touchdown pass and became the 21st player in NFL history with 11,000 yards receiving.

Linebacker Mike Peterson forced a fumble with a vicious hit and picked off a pass for the Falcons. The matchup between the two most surprising teams of 2008 wasn't much of a game. The Falcons' defense came up with four turnovers and thoroughly shut down a team that won the AFC East after going 1-15 two years ago.

Colts 14, Jaguars 12

At Indianapolis, Peyton Manning threw for one touchdown, Joseph Addai ran for another and the Colts' defense stopped Jacksonville twice in the fourth quarter.

Though Manning tied John Unitas' franchise record for career wins with 118, it was hardly a thing of beauty. Manning lost receiver Anthony Gonzalez late in the first quarter with a right knee injury. Reggie Wayne finished with 10 catches for 162 yards and a TD and Colts coach Jim Caldwell won his NFL head coaching debut.

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Kennedy (FROM PAGE ONE)

making the right play when he needs to," Staal said of Kennedy, before adding of Dupuis, "It's nice for me and 'Cookie,' because we're not the fastest guys out there, and a big part of our game is north-and-south hockey.

"Both 'Duper' and 'TK' are good at getting the puck up the ice and getting to loose pucks, and they both have great shots."

Dupuis, who Bylsma praised yesterday for his conditioning entering camp, is eager to play on a scoring line and validate the faith of those in the organization who believe he can produce beyond last season's 12 goals and 28 points.

"He needs to be tenacious on the puck, get in on the puck, and win puck battles," Bylsma said. "He has that speed. He has the puck pursuit. We need to see more battle, but Pascal's done that in the past and I expect to see more of that in the future.

"He's a good player with speed, and he can add that to any line he's playing on."

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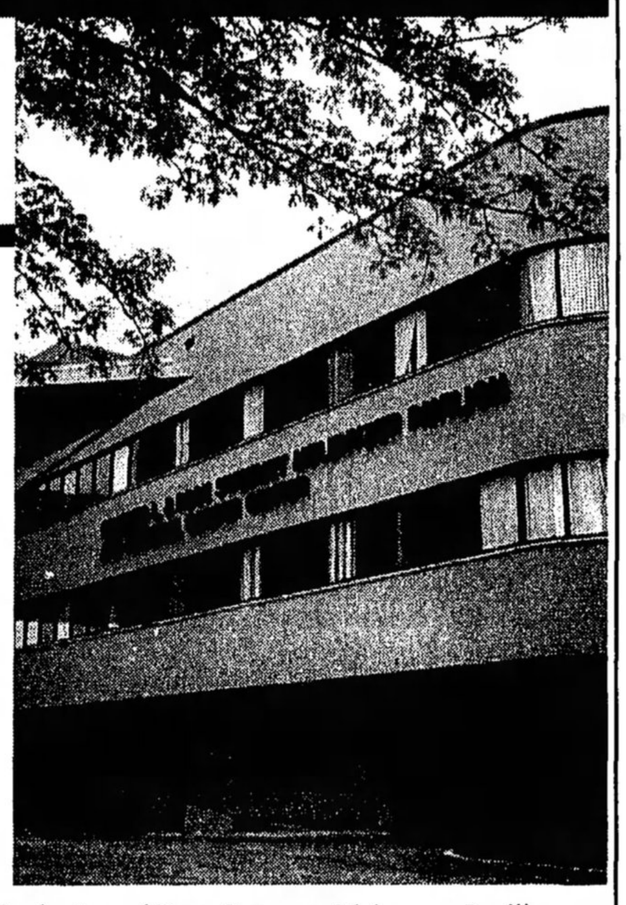

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SPORTS

Major League Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	82	60	.577	—
Florida	76	67	.531	6 1/2
Atlanta	75	68	.524	7 1/2
New York	63	81	.438	20
Washington	50	93	.350	32 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	84	60	.583	—
Chicago	73	68	.518	9 1/2
Houston	70	73	.490	13 1/2
Milwaukee	69	73	.486	14
Cincinnati	64	79	.448	19 1/2
Pittsburgh	55	86	.390	27 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	85	59	.590	—
Colorado	82	62	.569	3
San Francisco	77	66	.538	7 1/2
San Diego	65	79	.451	20
Arizona	62	82	.431	23

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Mets 4, 1st game
Washington 7, Florida 2
Pittsburgh 2, Houston 1
Atlanta 9, St. Louis 2
Chicago Cubs 5, Cincinnati 2
San Diego 7, Colorado 3
San Francisco 7, L.A. Dodgers 2
Milwaukee 5, Arizona 3
Philadelphia 1, N.Y. Mets 0, 2nd game

Today's Games

Houston (W.Rodriguez 13-9) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 12-12), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Suppan 6-9) at Chicago Cubs (Dempster 9-8), 8:05 p.m.
Florida (Nolasco 11-8) at St. Louis (Wellemeyer 7-9), 8:15 p.m.
Arizona (Buckner 2-6) at San Diego (Correia 10-10), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (D.McCutchen 0-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Garland 9-11), 10:10 p.m.
Colorado (Hammel 8-7) at San Francisco (Lincecum 13-5), 10:15 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	92	52	.639	—
Boston	84	58	.592	7
Tampa Bay	72	71	.503	19 1/2
Toronto	65	78	.455	26 1/2
Baltimore	58	84	.408	33

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	76	66	.535	—
Minnesota	71	72	.497	5 1/2
Chicago	71	73	.493	6
Cleveland	61	81	.430	15
Kansas City	57	86	.399	19 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	86	56	.606	—
Texas	80	62	.563	6
Seattle	74	70	.514	13
Oakland	64	78	.451	22

Sunday's Games

Boston 3, Tampa Bay 1, 1st game
N.Y. Yankees 13, Baltimore 3
Kansas City 7, Cleveland 0
Detroit 7, Toronto 2
Texas 7, Seattle 2, 1st game
Minnesota 8, Oakland 0
L.A. Angels 3, Chicago White Sox 2
Seattle 5, Texas 0, 2nd game
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 0, 2nd game

Today's Games

L.A. Angels (Jer.Weaver 15-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Chamberlain 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Price 7-7) at Baltimore (Da.Hernandez 4-7), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Purcey 0-2) at Detroit (Verlander 16-8), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Tomko 4-3) at Texas (Feldman 16-4), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sowers 6-9) at Minnesota (Pavano 12-11), 8:10 p.m.

Pirates boxscore

PITTSBURGH	ab	r	h	bi
AMcCt cf	4	1	1	0
AnLRc 3b	4	0	1	0
GJones 1b	3	0	1	1
Doumit c	4	1	2	1
Moss rf	4	0	1	0
Milledg lf	4	0	1	0
Cedeno ss	4	0	1	0
RVazqz 2b	3	0	1	0
Mahlm p	2	0	0	0
DlwYn ph	1	0	0	0
Capps p	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	2	9	2

HOUSTON	ab	r	h	bi
Bourn cf	3	0	1	0
KMatsu 2b	4	0	1	0
Fulchin p	0	0	0	0
Brkmn 1b	4	1	1	1
Ca.Lee lf	4	0	1	0
Manzell pr	0	0	0	0
Tejada ss	4	0	2	0
Pence rf	4	0	0	0
CJhnsn 3b	3	0	0	0
Quinter c	2	0	1	0
Kppngr 2b	1	0	1	0
FPauln p	1	0	0	0
Wrght p	0	0	0	0
Michals ph	0	0	0	0
Brocail p	0	0	0	0
Gervac p	0	0	0	0
Byrdak p	0	0	0	0
Blum ph	1	0	0	0
Coste c	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	1	8	1

Pittsburgh	100	000	010 — 2
Houston	000	000	001 — 1

DP—Pittsburgh 3. LOB—Pittsburgh 7, Houston 5. 2B—A.McCutchen (22), Bourn (26). HR—Doumit (9), Berkman (21). SB—Bourn (54). S—Maholm.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
Maholm W,8-8	8	6	0	0	2	2
Capps S,25-29	1	2	1	1	0	0
Houston						
F.Paulino L,2-9	5	6	1	1	1	7
W.Wright	1	0	0	0	0	1
Brocail	1-3	1	0	0	1	0
Gervacio	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Byrdak	1	1	1	1	0	0
Fulchino	1	1	0	0	0	0

Umpires—Home, Bill Miller; First, Adrian Johnson; Second, Derryl Cousins; Third, Jim Joyce.
T—2:29. A—34,405 (40,976).

WNBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	22	12	.647	—
y-Atlanta	18	16	.529	4
y-Detroit	18	16	.529	4
Chicago	16	18	.471	6
Connecticut	16	18	.471	6
y-Washington	16	18	.471	6
New York	13	21	.382	9

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Phoenix	23	11	.676	—
y-Seattle	20	14	.588	3
y-Los Angeles	18	16	.529	5
y-San Antonio	15	19	.441	8
Minnesota	14	20	.412	9
Sacramento	12	22	.353	11

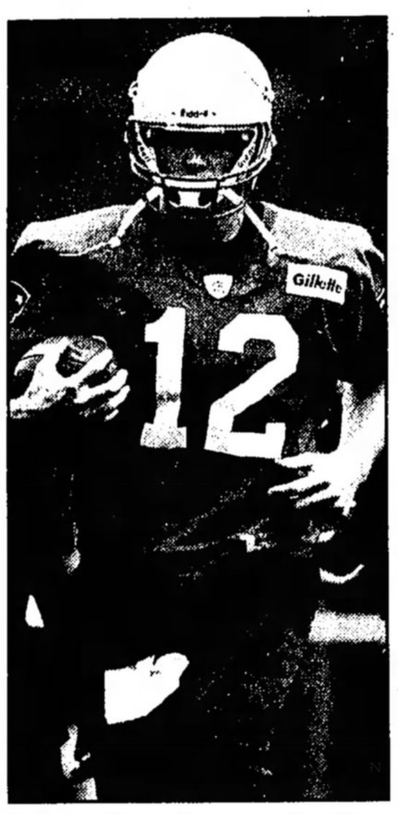
x-clinched conference
y-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's Games

Connecticut 95, Indiana 85
Los Angeles 81, Phoenix 78
New York 86, Washington 65
Sacramento 88, Minnesota 66

Today's Games

No games scheduled



Tom Brady and the New England Patriots will host the Bills at 7 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today

Television

1 p.m. - ESPN - U.S. Open, tennis.
4 p.m. - KDKA - U.S. Open, tennis.
7 p.m. - ESPN - Buffalo at New England, pro football.
10:15 p.m. - ESPN - San Diego at Oakland, pro football.

Radio

7 p.m. - KQV (1410) - Buffalo at New England, pro football.
10:10 p.m. - WPGB (104.7 FM) - Pittsburgh at Los Angeles Dodgers, baseball.
10:15 p.m. - KQV (1410) - San Diego at Oakland, pro football.

High school football standings

Class AAA
Big Seven Conference

	League W	L	Overall W	L
Belle Vernon Area	0	0	2	0
Elizabeth Forward	0	0	2	0
Thomas Jefferson	0	0	2	0
West Mifflin	0	0	2	0
Chartiers Valley	0	0	2	0
Ringgold	0	0	1	1
Trinity	0	0	0	2

Friday

BV Area at Chartiers Valley
Trinity at Thomas Jefferson
West Mifflin at Elizabeth Forward
Southmoreland at Ringgold

Keystone Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Albert Gallatin	0	0	1	1
Uniontown	0	0	1	1
Greensburg Salem	0	0	1	1
Yough	0	0	0	2
Derry	0	0	0	2
Laurel Highlands	0	0	0	2
Southmoreland	0	0	0	2

Friday

Yough at Laurel Highlands
Greensburg at Albert Gallatin
Uniontown at Derry
Southmoreland at Ringgold

Class AA
Interstate Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Jeannette	2	0	2	0
Mt. Pleasant	2	0	2	0
Brownsville	1	1	1	1
Greensburg Central	1	1	1	1
Washington	1	1	1	1
Charleroi	1	1	1	1
Waynesburg	1	1	1	1
McGuffey	1	1	1	1
South Allegheny	0	2	0	2
East Allegheny	0	2	0	2

Friday

East Allegheny at Charleroi
Brownsville at Jeannette
Mt. Pleasant at Washington
Waynesburg at South Allegheny
Greensburg Central at McGuffey

Class A
Tri-County South

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Jefferson-Morgan	0	0	2	0
California	0	0	1	1
Beth-Center	0	0	1	1
Geibel	0	0	1	1
Monessen	0	0	0	2
Carmichaels	0	0	0	2
West Greene	0	0	0	2
Mapletown	0	0	0	2

Friday

Mapletown at Monessen
Beth-Center at Carmichaels
Geibel at Jeff-Morgan
West Greene at California

Black Hills Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Fort Cherry	0	0	2	0
Chartiers-Houston	0	0	2	0
Serra	0	0	2	0
Bentworth	0	0	1	1
Avella	0	0	1	1
Frazier	0	0	1	1
Clairton	0	0	1	1
Burgettstown	0	0	1	1

Friday

Bentworth at Fort Cherry
C-Houston at Avella
Frazier at Clairton
Serra at Burgettstown

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

SEATTLE MARINERS—Purchased the contract of C Adam Moore from Tacoma (PCL). Recalled INF Matt Tuiasosopo and LHP Garrett Olson from Tacoma. Released RHP Stephen Kahn.

TENNIS

U.S. OPEN—Fined Serena Williams $10,000 for unsportsmanlike conduct in her semifinal match and $500 for smashing her racket after the first set of the match.

Frontier League playoffs

Today

Lake Erie at Kalamazoo, 7:05 p.m., series tied at 2-2

Boys' soccer standings

Class AAA
Section 5

	League W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Ringgold	0	0	0	5	0	0
Canon-McMillan	0	0	0	3	0	0
Upper St. Clair	0	0	0	3	0	0
Moon	0	0	0	1	1	1
Peters Township	0	0	0	1	1	1
Trinity	0	0	0	1	4	0

Saturday

Ringgold 1, Mt. Pleasant 0

Tuesday

Ringgold at Upper St. Clair
Peters Township at Moon
Trinity at Canon-McMillan

Class AA
Section 3

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
South Park	2	0	0	2	1	0
Belle Vernon Area	1	0	1	4	1	1
Thomas Jefferson	1	0	1	2	2	1
Elizabeth Forward	1	1	0	3	2	0
Steel Valley	1	1	0	2	2	0
S'moreland	1	1	0	1	2	0
Yough	0	2	0	0	2	0
Uniontown	0	2	0	0	4	0

Tuesday

Steel Valley at BV Area
South Park at Elizabeth Forward
S'moreland at Yough
Unintown at Thomas Jefferson

Class A
Section 1

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Geibel	2	0	0	4	0	0
Serra	2	0	0	3	0	0
Grb. Central	2	0	0	2	1	0
California	1	1	0	3	2	0
Winchester Thurs.	1	1	0	1	2	0
South Allegheny	0	2	0	0	3	0
Trinity Christian	0	2	0	0	2	0
Brownsville	0	2	0	0	4	0

Saturday

Beth-Center 2, California 0

Today

Canevin at Trinity Christian

Tuesday

Winchester Thurston at California
Serra at Greensburg Central
South Alleghney at Brownsville
Trinity Christian at Geibel

Section 4

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Carlynton	2	0	0	3	1	0
Charleroi	1	0	0	3	1	0
Monessen	1	1	0	2	2	0
Chartiers-Houston	1	1	0	1	4	1
Bentworth	1	1	0	1	4	0
Beth-Center	0	1	0	1	1	0
Brentwood	0	2	0	0	2	0

Saturday

Serra 4, Bentworth 1

Today

Albert Gallatin at Beth-Center
Bentwood at North Catholic

Tuesday

Monessen at Chartiers-Houston
Charleroi at Bentworth
Carlynton at Beth-Center

Girls' soccer standings

Class AAA
Section 5

	League W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Canon-McMillan	1	0	0	3	1	0
Mt. Lebanon	1	0	0	2	1	0
Upper St. Clair	1	0	0	1	1	0
Trinity	0	1	0	2	2	0
Ringgold	0	1	0	2	3	0
West Mifflin	0	1	0	1	3	0
Elizabeth Forward	0	0	0	1	2	0

Today

Mt. Lebanon at Ringgold
Canon-McMillan at Elizabeth Forward
West Mifflin at Trinity

Section 6

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Belle Venon Area	1	0	0	2	2	0
Connellsville	1	0	0	2	2	0
Yough	1	0	0	1	1	0
S'moreland	1	0	0	1	1	0
Uniontown	0	1	0	1	2	0
Laurel Highlands	0	1	0	1	3	0
Albert Gallatin	0	1	0	0	3	0
Waynesburg	0	1	0	0	3	0

Today

BV Area at S'moreland
Waynesburg at Yough
Albert Galatin at Uniontown
Connellsville at Laurel Highlands

Class AA
Section 1

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Charleroi	1	0	0	4	1	0
South Park	1	0	0	3	1	0
McGuffey	1	0	0	2	1	0
Bentworth	0	1	0	2	1	0
Beth-Center	0	1	0	1	2	0
C-Houston	0	1	0	0	4	0
South Fayette	0	0	0	1	1	1

Saturday

Bentworth 10, Carrick 0

Today

Bentworth at South Park
Charleroi at McGuffey
C-Houston at South Fayette

Section 6

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Jeannette	1	0	0	2	0	1
Grb. Central	1	0	0	2	1	1
St. Joseph	1	0	0	2	2	0
East Allegheny	0	1	0	1	1	0
Monessen	0	1	0	1	2	0
Mt. Pleasant	0	1	0	0	2	0
Geibel	0	0	0	1	2	0

Today

Monessen at Carlynton
East Allegheny at Mt. Pleasant
Grb. Central at Geibel
St. Joseph at Jeannette

MLS standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	11	4	9	42	36	26
Chicago	10	6	9	39	34	29
D.C.	8	6	12	36	39	38
Toronto FC	9	9	7	34	33	36
New England	9	8	6	33	28	32
Kansas City	7	11	6	27	25	32
New York	4	17	4	16	20	42

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	11	8	7	40	32	24
Los Angeles	9	5	11	38	31	29
Seattle	9	6	10	37	31	24
Colorado	10	8	6	36	38	30
Chivas USA	11	9	3	36	25	24
Real SaltLake	9	9	7	34	36	28
FC Dallas	7	11	6	27	39	40
San Jose	5	12	5	20	27	40

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	24	7
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	1	0	.000	7	19

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	14	12
Houston	0	1	0	.000	7	24
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	12	14
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	10	13

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	38	24
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	13	10
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	7	12
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	20	34

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	12	7
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Diego	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	24	38

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	23	17
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	34	21
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	38	10
Washington	0	1	0	.000	17	23

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	45	27
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	19	7
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	10	38
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	21	34

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	21	15
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	34	20
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	15	21
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	27	45

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	20	16
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	28	0
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	16	20
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000	0	28

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 19, Miami 7
N.Y. Jets 24, Houston 7
New Orleans 45, Detroit 27
Denver 12, Cincinnati 7
Baltimore 38, Kansas City 24
Dallas 34, Tampa Bay 21
Minnesota 34, Cleveland 20
Philadelphia 38, Carolina 10
Indianapolis 14, Jacksonville 12
Seattle 28, St. Louis 0
N.Y. Giants 23, Washington 17
San Francisco 20, Arizona 16
Green Bay 21, Chicago 15

Today's Games

Buffalo at New England, 7 p.m.
San Diego at Oakland, 10:15 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 20

Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Washington, 1 p.m.
New England at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 4:05 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago, 4:15 p.m.
Baltimore at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

Area golf

Nemacolin Country Club
Ryder Cup
First Division

Alan Ruttenerg and Al Yates, 65-66-131; Shawn Behanna and Brian Little, 62-70-132 (3 on No. 1); Patrick Walsh and Art Gabriel, 64-68-132.

Second Division

Gary Wall and Larry Fagan, 59-65-124; Jack Pavella and Dave Hartley, 63-70-133; John Golembiewski and Ed Raitano, 62-74-136.

Third Division

Jeff Selvoski and Lou Passarello, 59-69-128; Steve Galligan and Dick Moffatt, 58-71-129; Jon McCrory, 60-71-131.

Closest to the pin

No. 4 - Craig Hill, 8 feet, 6 inches.
Mo. 11 - Bill Delaney, 9 feet.
No. 14 - Jeff Dyer, 5 feet, 10 inches.
No. 16 - Roy Shook, 4 feet, 10 inches.

Women's Event
Better Ball of Two

524 - Steeler Fans - Katrina Synnott, Mary Jeanne Holland, Ade Cwalina, Jean DiNardo, Debbie Cargiene, Elaine Passarello, Diane Antila and Beverly Moffatt.

541 - Dorothy's - Cathy Ruscitto, Karen Brown, Karen Hartley, Ting Fox, Carrie Selvoski, Gretchen Brehl, Maria Solomon and Arlene Miller.

Cal U summary

California	**7**	**6**	**14**	**3**	**- 30**
West Chester	**10**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**- 23**

West Chester - FG, Hill (32).
West Chester - Webb (31, run) Hill (kick)
California - Miles (25, blockd punt return) Hagerman (kick)
West Chester - FG, Hill (19)
California - Cherry (35, pass from Portis)
California - Jackson (11, pass from Portis) Hagerman (kick)
West Cheser - Webb (2,run) Hill (kick)
California - Bacco (9, run)
West Chester - FG, Hill (19)
California - FG, Hagerman (23)

Team statistics

	Cal	WC
First downs	14	23
Yds rushing	81	156
Yds passing	202	234
Passes	12-29-1	24-45-1
Fumbles, lost	0-0	1-0
Punts, ave.	5-41	4-28
Penalties, yds.	10-80	5-34

Rushing

California - Bacco, 15 for 51 yds; Anderson, 4 for 23 yds; Portis, 1 for 8 yds; Johnson, 2 for 3 yds; Brown, 1 for 0.
West Chester - Webb, 11 for 66 yds; McLaughlin, 7 for 37 yds; Wright, 3 for 20 yds; Hopkins, 9 for 10 yds; Miller, 2 for 9 yds; Mattel, 1 for 8 yds; Fagan, 2 for 7 yds; McDermott, 1 for minus 1 yd.

Passing

California - Portis, 12 of 29 for 202 yd, 1 int.
West Chester - Wright, 24 of 44 for 234 yds, 1 int.

Pass receiving

California - Jackson, 6 for 71 yds; Cherry, 2 for 44 yds; Shaffer, 2 for 40 yds; Moore, 1 for 36 yds; Gumbert, 1 for 13 yds.
West Chester - Miller, 6 for 71 yds; Webb, 5 for 20 yds; DePalma, 3 for 46 yds; Hopkins, 3 for 22 yds; Curry, 2 for 21 yds; Gardner, 1 for 13 yds; Beahan, 1 for 6 yds; Paulson, 1 for 1 yd.

Youth football

Belle Vernon Midget League
Yough Green 40, BV Wildcats 20

Belle Vernon	0	0	6	14	-	20
Yough Green	0	26	7	7	-	40

Yough Green - Jordan Pore (15, run)
Yough Green - Eric Borkovich (52, pass from Jess Hughes)
Yough Green - Jordan Poe (30, pass from Eric Borkovich) Matt Shipley (PAT)
Yough Green - Eric Borkovich (25, interception) Jess Hughes (PAT)
Belle Vernon - Brett Lewis (30, pass from Jacob Zadrozny) Aaron Franks (PAT)
Yough Green - Matt Shipley (5, run) Jess Hiughes (PAT)
Belle Vernon - Brett Lewis (21, pass from Jacob Zadrozny)
Yough Green - Jess Hughes (11, run) Eric Borkovich (PAT)
Belle Vernon - Aaron Franks (3, run) Shane Boyles (PAT)

LaGrange Eagles 25,
Fayte City Bulldogs 0

Fayette City	0	0	0	0	-	0
LaGrange	7	6	6	6	-	25

LaGrange - Dalton Naylor (1,run) Zac Spate (PAT)
LaGrange - Zac Spate (57, run)
LaGrange - Dalton naylor (58, run)
LaGrange - Zac Spate (5, run)

Wash. Twp. Redskins 26, Yough Silver 7

Yough Silver	0	0	0	7	-	7
Wash. Twp.	19	7	0	0	-	26

Wash.Twp. - Jacob Gherardini (12, run) Naquwan Dixon (PAT)
Wash. Twp. - Jacob Gherardini (35, run)
Wash. Twp. - Jacob Powell (50, pass from Jacob Gherardini)
Wash. Twp. Tommy Valentine (55, pass from Jacob Gherardini) Naquwan Dixon (PAT)
Yough Silver - Eric Baer (8, run) Eric Baer (PAT)

Standings
East Division

	W	L	T
LaGrange	3	0	0
Wash. Twp.	1	1	1
Yough Silver	0	3	0

West Dvision

	W	L	T
Yough Green	2	0	1
Fayette City	1	2	0
Belle Vernon	1	2	0

Schedule
At Yukon
Saturday

11 a.m. - LaGrange vs Wash. Twp.
1 p.m. - Yough Silver vs Yough Green
3 p.m. - Belle Vernon vs Fayette City

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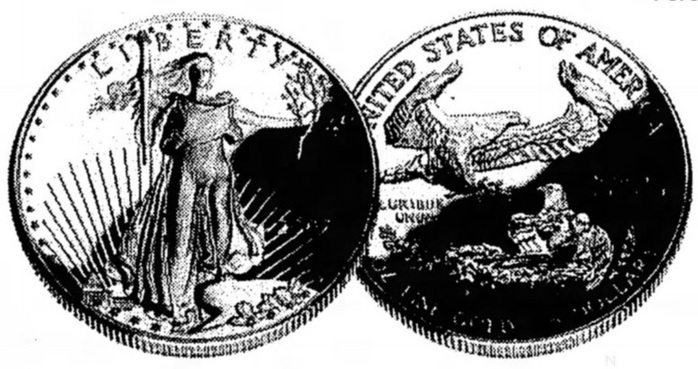

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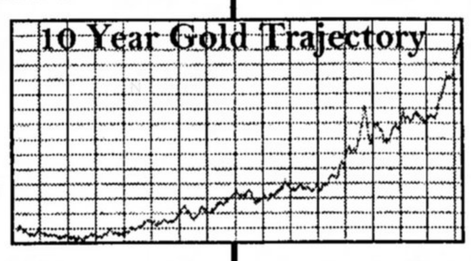

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Tuesday

■ Aide to state Rep. Peter J. Daley offers assistance with state forms and applications, Monongahela Senior Center, 10 a.m. to noon.

■ National Alliance for Mentally Ill meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen, 7 to 9 p.m.

■ Clothing ministry, Fellowship Baptist Church, Knox Avenue, Monessen, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ Food and Fellowship lunch, First Presbyterian Church, 501 Fayette Ave., Belle Vernon, 11 a.m. to 1p.m.

■ Monongahela River Buffs meeting, river museum, 175 Second St., 7 p.m.

■ RESA Neighborhood Watch meeting, Stockdale Volunteer Fire Department, 7 p.m.

■ Career services workshop, sponsored by Mon Valley Initiative in partnership with Monessen Public Library, at the library, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

■ Open house, Bellmar and Rostraver Middle schools, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

■ Monessen Redevelopment Authority meeting, new office at 1743 Grand Blvd., 6 p.m.

■ Monessen Court 776 of the CDA meeting, chapel hall of Epiphany of Our Lord, 7 p.m.

Classic white shirt popular because it has many looks

It can be worn as a business suit for work, with with jeans for a weekend getaway or belted over a skirt for cocktail hour.

By JoANNE KLIMOVICH HARROP
For The Valley Independent
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There aren't many pieces of clothing more versatile than a white shirt.

Wear it with a business suit for work. Pair it with jeans for a weekend getaway. Belt it over a skirt for cocktail hour.

"Every woman should have several white shirts," says Michael Carl, Allure magazine fashion director, who lauds the white shirt as the most classic fashion item.

"There are so many versions of the white shirt," he says. "That shows the importance of it, when so many designers, from the young designers to the iconic brands, are offering versions of it."

You never get tired of the white shirt, Carl says, because it's forever fashionable. Sleeve lengths might change, and collars and fabrics might be different than the traditional 100 percent cotton button-down, but it remains a staple item because it matches everything in a woman's closet.

The white shirt is the perfect foundation piece for your fall wardrobe, says Kristen Saladino, fashion editor for Self magazine. There are so many comfortable fabrics to choose from, including stretch, and such cool details as back venting, that the white shirt can take on many looks.

Because it's difficult to keep a white shirt looking its best for an entire season, don't invest a lot in just one, she says. Buy several.

"When a white shirt is new, it looks so pristine and squeaky clean," Saladino says. "It also is a good investment because it is seasonless."

And you don't have to spend a fortune. Retailers such as Lands' End offer a number of no-iron shirts that always look crisp.

"The white shirt has been, and still is, one of the essential classics that people have continually come to Lands' End for," says Suzanne Bryant, vice president of design for Lands' End. "There are so many options, from detail to fit, that women will find something to go with any wardrobe. It is similar to the little black dress, because the white shirt is timeless.

"And especially in this economy, where you know when you buy a white shirt, it is never going to be out of style."

Celebrity stylist Colin Megaro agrees: You can never go wrong with a well-tailored white shirt.

"It's important to have a few of these classics in your wardrobe because they can be worn year-round and can be reinvented according to the outfit and accessories you pair it with," Megaro says.

Belt it over leggings or skinny jeans, says stylist Suzanne Mauro, AICI. Just make sure it covers your derriere.

A trend for fall is to wear the white shirt under a vest.

Don't be afraid to look for a white shirt in the men's department, Mauro says, because you can often find a long one that isn't expensive. If you are petite, try the boy's department.

"A white shirt is a staple to every woman's wardrobe," she says.

And what's also nice is that every woman can find a white shirt that fits her lifestyle and body type."

The white shirt is the perfect foundation piece for your fall wardrobe. There are so many comfortable fabrics to choose from, including stretch, and such cool details as back venting, that the white shirt can take on many looks. Pictured at left is the Limited Taped Dart Button Front white shirt ($59.50). Shown in center is the Banana Republic non-iron short-sleeve white shirt ($60). At right is the Jones New York easy care no-iron french cuff white shirt ($69).

New Moore film debuts today in 'Burgh

Movie director Michael Moore will host the first U.S. screening of his new film, "Capitalism: A Love Story," in Pittsburgh today.

The film will be shown in the Byham Theater, Downtown, to delegates and guests of the AFL-CIO convention, which opened Sunday and continues through Thursday at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

Moore will lead a march of labor union "leaders and delegates" from the convention center to the theater via Fort Duquesne Boulevard, according to a flier distributed yesterday at the convention. Several labor unions are sponsoring the event.

The film, billed as a documentary of the ravages of corporate profiteering, premiered last week in Venice. It is scheduled to open in U.S. theaters on Oct. 2.

The Web site for the politically controversial director proclaims the movie his "most radical work." Moore's other films include "Fahrenheit 9/11," about the 2001 terrorist attacks, and "Sicko," about America's health care system.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: E equals M

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Fired Chiefs plan meeting

The Fire Chiefs' Association of Westmoreland County will meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Seward Volunteer Fire Department.

Dance in works at Center on Hill

Eddie Ford and the Sound of Country Band will appear at a 6:30 p.m. Thursday dance at the Center on the Hill, 100 Summit Road, Washington Township. Advance tickets are available.

Flea market scheduled

A Hidden Treasure Flea Market will take place 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Peno's Plaza, Park Avenue, Monongahela. Tax-deductible seller donations will benefit the Monongahela Woman's Club. Refreshments will be available. Antiques, new and flea market items will be sold. For information, call (724) 258-4000.

Family Field Day planned at Cal U

The California University of Pennsylvania Wildlife Society chapter and the Pennsylvania Game Commission will present Family Field Day 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday in the Frich Biology Building. It will comprise archery and fly-tying demonstrations, casting contest, live reptile amphibian display, animal track identification contest, Pennsylvania furbearers display and blue bird box construction. For information, e-mail Mark Lazaran at laz4059@cup.edu.

Hayrides planned at Mingo Creek Park

The Washington County Department of Parks and Recreation will offer group hayrides at Mingo Creek Park Oct. 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24. Friday evening hayrides will take place 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 10 hayrides will be 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 17 and 24 hayrides will be 1 to 8 p.m. The use of a picnic shelter and fire circle for two hours before or after the ride will be provided. For reservations, call (724) 228-6867.

Cheerleading competition set at Belle Vernon Area

The Belle Vernon Blast Off 2009 Cheerleading Competition, sponsored by the Belle Vernon Area High School Football and Cheer Booster Association, will take place Oct. 11 at the high school gym, 425 Crest Ave., Rostraver Township. The competition is open to junior high/middle school, junior varsity, varsity, recreational squads, all-star squads and dance teams. Trophies will be awarded. All teams will compete on a spring floor. Registration forms and fees are due by Sept. 30 and are available by calling (724) 872-0294.

Rostraver Public Library sessions set

Registration has begun for fall sessions at the Rostraver Public Library. The 12-week sessions will run Sept. 24 through Dec. 18. Children ages 3-5 will listen to stories and take part in crafts. There will be Monday night sessions and programs for 2-year-old children Tuesday mornings. To register call the (724) 379-5511.

Monessen classes planning reunion

A first-ever Monessen High School reunion for the Classes of 1990, 1991 and 1992 is being planned Aug. 28, 2010, in the Willow Room, Rostraver Township. Reunion planning meetings will take place at the Monessen Elks lodge. Plans are under way for a family picnic. The committee is seeking classmates. Anyone with information on classmates should contact Leigh Ann Caldwall Leach at jodoandleigh@yahoo.com or (724) 684-4702 or Dr. James Scirotto at drscirotto@yahoo.com or (724) 379-4000.

Afternoon dance set

A free afternoon dance with the Sound of Country will take place 1 to 3 p.m. Friday at the Monessen Senior Center. Lunch will be served at noon. For reservations, call (724) 684-6105.

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Calling all bakers and cupcake decorators!

Register today to compete in the HOLIDAY CUPCAKE CREATION CHALLENGE at the GoodTaste! Pittsburgh Food & Cooking Expo on Saturday, November 7, 2009.

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To enter by mail, see details on the form below.

Don't wait, deadline to register is 5 pm September 25, 2009!

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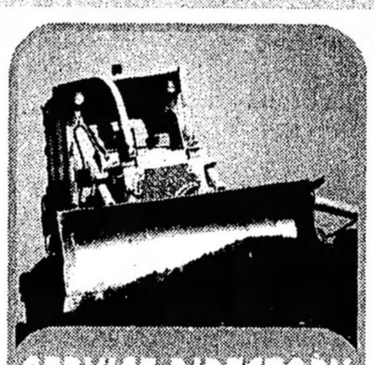

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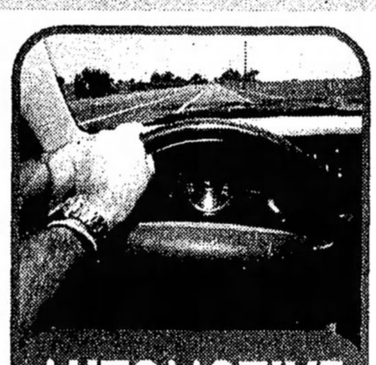

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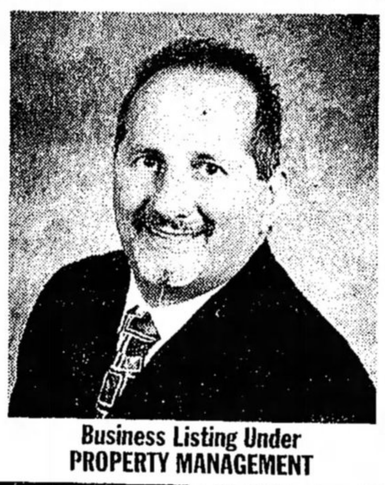

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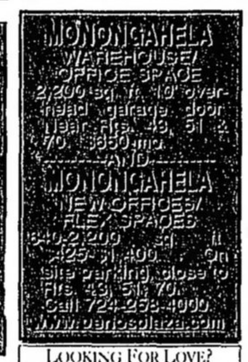

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2030/MEETING NOTICES

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The purpose of this meeting is for the joint Boards to discuss the Sanitary Sewer System and any other business to come before the Boards.

This meeting is open to the public.

Dolores K. Fisher
Board Chairperson
9/14

2040/CIVIL NOTICES

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to JOSEPH C. STUP and JC's AUTO CENTER, INC., and ERIC SHAWLEY, Owners or Reputed Owners, of a 2005 Volkswagen Jetta, V.I.N. 3VWDF71K95M642811

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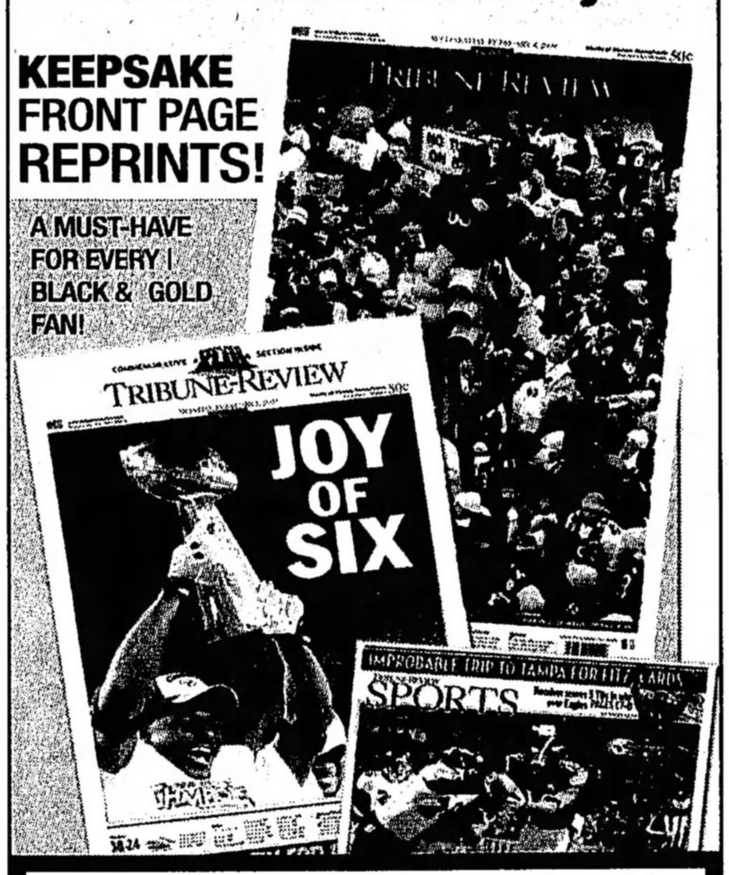

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VIRGO (**Aug. 23-Sept. 22**) -- Give your total attention to the task at hand, and do not be distracted by wandering thoughts. If you let your mind roam and focus on nonissues, your plans might have to be scrapped.

LIBRA (**Sept. 23-Oct. 23**) -- If your mood makes it difficult to say anything nice about someone, don't open your mouth at all. Derogatory remarks will haunt you in ways you won't like.

SCORPIO (**Oct. 24-Nov. 22**) -- Nothing will be gained if you decide to move in another direction just when you have victory within your reach. Don't quit on anything until you have that trophy mounted on the wall.

SAGITTARIUS (**Nov. 23-Dec. 21**) -- When it comes to issues of importance, take a firm position that makes sense to you, and don't be swayed by someone just to placate his or her views. Be your own person.

CAPRICORN (**Dec. 22-Jan. 19**) -- Keep a sharp eye on the methods or procedures of someone who is working on a project for you. If this person is not doing a good job, it could prove quite costly in the end.

AQUARIUS (**Jan. 20-Feb. 19**) -- Although you are someone with good reasoning powers, you could be swayed from your thinking by inept counseling and resort to something quite foolish. Stay in character.

PISCES (**Feb. 20-March 20**) -- It might not be your fault, but you could still be blamed for the mishandling of a project if you happen to be standing closest to the complaining person. Co-workers aren't likely to come to your aid, either.

ARIES (**March 21-April 19**) -- Although you may not be conscious of it, you are likely to be extremely susceptible to flattery, so be careful. A conniver who recognizes this weakness may try to use it to his or her advantage.

TAURUS (**April 20-May 20**) -- Take nothing for granted, especially in career matters. If you're not on your toes, an arrangement that favors you might be snatched away just when you glance in another direction.

GEMINI (**May 21-June 20**) -- Under no circumstances should you pretend to be knowledgeable about something in which you only possess a cursory understanding; you could be humiliated in front of others.

CANCER (**June 21-July 22**) -- Don't let wishful thinking replace your usual logical assessment of financial affairs. If you want to come out with little or no damage, you must not embellish your worth.

LEO (**July 23-Aug. 22**) -- Do not place false value on the views of others just because their thinking is different. Have faith in your own ideas, and do what's best for you under the circumstances.